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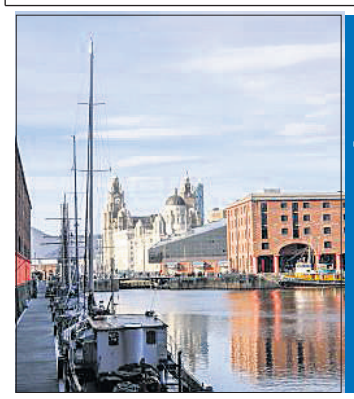

Steam on the Dock: Great prizes up for grabs!

DUMPING GROUND!

No end in sight to hardcore tipping which, say angy residents, is wrecking beauty spot

Report by **Henry James**

THOUSANDS of tonnes of hardcore is still being dumped at the Beacon Park Golf Club as part of the much-delayed project to build a new nine-hole par three course.

Angry residents claim the work is destroying the well-loved beauty spot and are calling on the council to bring a halt to the dumping.

Last year, West Lancashire Borough Council told the Champion that the project had experienced delay and that re-profiling for the current works would be "completed by the autumn of 2015."

They now hope hardcore deliveries for these works will cease by the end of this year, and that the nine hole par three course will be open in the summer of 2017.

Champion reader Paul Mullany, from Skelmersdale, sent us the picture, top right, of the thousands of tonnes of hardcore still being taken to the golf Course site.

He has said: "What is going on with the thousands of tonnes of inert waste being dumped at the Beacon golf course? ***Continued inside***

Sports teacher Mr Collins, Sports Council pupils and Angela Ma from West Lancashire

School strikes gold at games!

STAFF, pupils and parents at Holland Moor Primary School in Skelmersdale are celebrating after striking gold in a prestigious awards scheme.

Pupils at the school in Cornbrook achieved the Gold Sainsbury's School Games Mark for their outstanding commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sports in the last academic year.

The school regularly competes against others in the borough at a number of sports and is also involved in the West Lancashire Sports Partnership. Sports offered at school include bench ball, cross country, football, tag rugby, mini tennis, swimming, rounders, cricket, athletics, netball, dodgeball, basketball, tri golf, handball and triathlon.

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World expert at Edge Hill to mark Day of Midwife

EDGE Hill University played host to a leading expert in midwifery and women's health to celebrate the International Day of the Midwife on Thursday, May 5.

Dame Tina Lavender visited the Ormskirk campus last Friday (April 29) to talk about changing global agendas in relation to maternal health.

A regular advisor to the World Health Organisation, Dame Tina Lavender is professor of midwifery and director of the centre for global women's health at the University of Manchester. She is also co-editor in chief of the British Journal of Midwifery, associate editor of the African Journal of Midwifery and Women's Health, editor of the Pregnancy and Childbirth Group of the Cochrane Collaboration and on the editorial team of the British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

Edge Hill's head of midwifery, Catherine McEvilly, said: "The International Confederation of Midwives focus for celebrating International Day of the Midwife in 2016 is 'Women and Newborns: The Heart of Midwifery'.

"At Edge Hill the undergraduate midwifery programme enables students to understand the importance of an international focus to ensure women and newborns receive the quality care that they deserve. Professor Lavender's focus will strengthen student midwives' appreciation of the importance of midwifery care on a global basis."

Edge Hill has a number of students who have participated in elective placements in countries such as Ghana, Tanzania, Canada, America, India, New Zealand and Australia to gain an understanding about how midwifery practice and conditions for women differs around the world.

Lesley Briscoe, the university's lead for midwifery research & enterprise, added: "International Day of the Midwife is a celebration of midwives' achievements and dedication around the world that aims to acknowledge experts in the field, and promote midwifery as a rewarding career. As a leader in her field, it was an honour to host Professor Dame Tina Lavender who shared stories and observations that will inspire the next generation."

Professor Dame Tina Lavender

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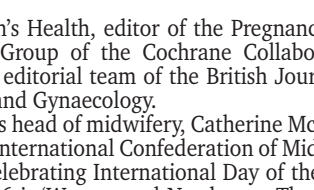

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Hospital bus stop restored to 3A route

Decision reversed after MP raises residents' concerns

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancs MP Rosie Cooper has welcomed the news that Wrightington Hospital will be restored as a stop on the 3A bus route following residents' concerns.

The 3A was one of the subsidised bus routes withdrawn following due to the impact of government cuts to local council budgets.

The service was partially saved in Lancashire County Council's £2 million reallocation of funding to protect vital local public transport services.

The 3A served West Lancashire communities, passing through Ormskirk, Burscough Newbugh, Parbold, Skelmersdale, Up Holland, Roby Mill, Appley Bridge and Wrightington. Under the revised partial route the service would no longer stop at Wrightington Hospital.

The MP raised residents' concerns with Lancashire County Council on the exclusion of Wrightington Hospital.

In response the county council wrote to her, stating: "We are intending to make some amendments to the new network of services after a period of operation and customer input will be vital to these adjustments.

"One of the revisions will be to restore Wrightington Hospital as part of the route of the current 3A bus service."

Ms Cooper said: "For many West Lancashire residents of all ages local bus services are a vital lifeline to enable them to go about their day-to-day lives, whether getting to school, college, work, to the hospital, or to visit friends or go to the shops.

Rosie Cooper

"I am delighted by Lancashire County Council's willingness to listen and to act in restoring Wrightington Hospital to the 3A bus service route.

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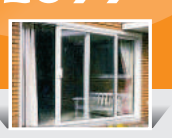

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Men-aces launch online petition calling for plaque to recognise their efforts

BOSSES at Skem Men-Aces football club are seeking to have a plaque or banner to mark the team's efforts on one of the town's many traffic roundabouts.

Report by **Henry James**

The club, which caters for adults with a learning disability, have launched an online petition on the website Change.org.

Manager Carl Eaton started the ball rolling and the petition now has more than 200 supporters. The petition will be delivered to both West Lancs Borough Council and Lancashire County Council.

Since its formation the club has won major tournaments across the country and were also Special Olympic Silver Olympians in 2013.

Carl said: "We would love a plaque or banner on one of Skem's many roundabouts to simply express how hugely proud we are of this unique club and also to express our sincere thanks to the Skelmersdale Community for their incredible support."

Suggesting that the plaque could carry the message 'Welcome to the home of the Skem Men-Aces', he added: "I believe the club has helped to put Skelmersdale firmly on the map and that our request is well merited.

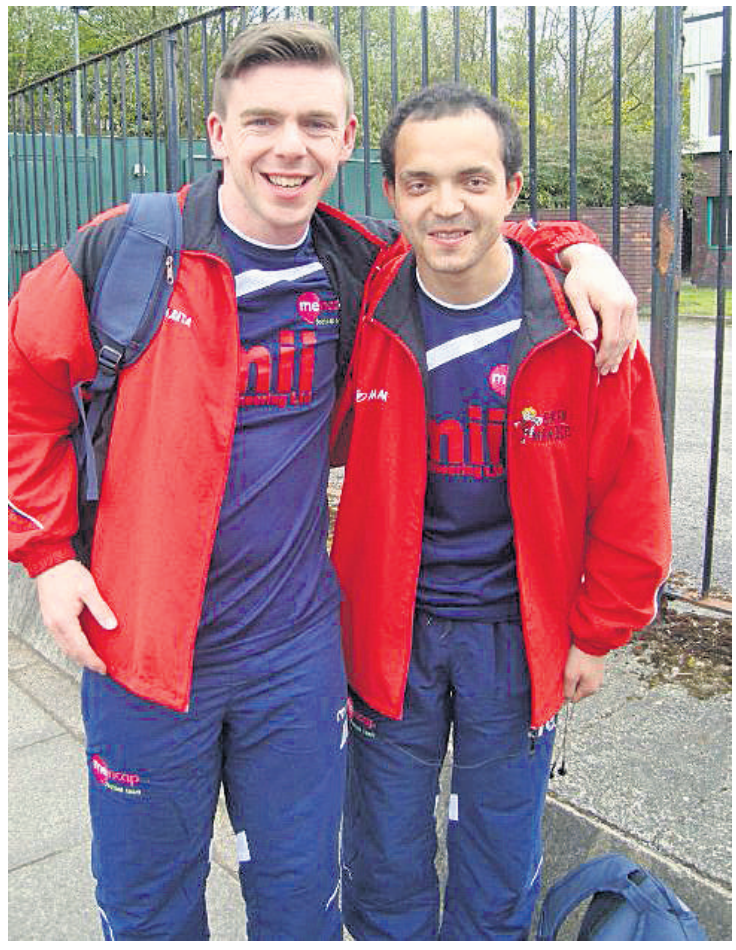
"I was told that this simple request could cost the club in excess of £2,500 but I would have thought that the council would have embraced the idea with open arms and celebrated all that the Men-Aces have accomplished while at the same time promoting Skelmersdale.

"I would be most grateful if people would support our request. Skem is a struggling town yet its community is a fiercely kindhearted, generous and very proud people. Without the town's support this unique and successful club would not be where it is today."

Meanwhile Men-Aces players James Hughes and Theo Duke had their final squad training session last weekend before they fly off to Geneva in June to represent Team GB in the European Championships.

Men-Aces coach, Mim Eaton, said: "We as a club would like to wish Theo and James all the best. They are doing themselves and their club and community proud. You can't get much better than playing for Team GB."

And the club will be on their travels in June when they take a team over to Belfast. Mim added: "This is a massive adventure for the squad as none of them have been on a plane before. They will be playing two full days of football and will also have a day of sightseeing."



Right: Geneva-bound...James Hughes and Theo Duke

Residents' fury over dumping at beauty spot

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"Who is actually monitoring this tipping? Ironically Joe Public is now being charged for more than ten bags of inert waste a year at West Lancs Waste centres. Someone is making a lot of money out of this operation which is destroying the Beacon in Skelmersdale."

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper added: "The golf course redevelopment and waste dumping is an issue I have previously raised with both Serco as the company running West Lancashire Community Leisure Trust and West Lancs Council following residents' concerns.

"In my previous correspondence from the chief executive of Serco he assured me that they have the appropriate soil sample certificate. Even so it's important that both the Environment Agency and environmental health at the borough council continue to monitor that the waste being brought to the site is in line with the planning conditions."

A borough council spokesman commented: "The new nine-hole par 3 golf course will be an exciting addition to the facilities at Beacon Park Golf Club and will assist in attracting new members. West Lancashire School Sports partnership has agreed to arrange junior access through schools when the new course opens.

"Work has also commenced to make changes to the golf clubhouse and open up the facility to visitors from Beacon Country Park. These changes are essential to ensure the course and clubhouse meet the needs of golfers and the wider public.

"The works are being carried out through West Lancashire Community Leisure Trust and their operating partners Serco Leisure Operating Limited, who operate the course on behalf of the council. Planning approval was granted for the works which specified the type of materials, estimates for the total hardcore infill, site access arrangements and delivery times for materials to be brought to site.

"The golf course operator has assured the council that every load brought on to the site has had a full soil sample report with it and the council is aware that the Environment Agency has been involved in monitoring the site work.

"Work to create the new nine-hole course was planned for four areas of the course, but following discussions with golfers, the Leisure Trust has decided not to proceed with two of these phases. This will reduce the amount of hardcore coming to the site, and disruption to the course and local residents.

"The remaining area of development for the course on the old driving range is now underway and will provide additional facilities. The Council hopes hardcore deliveries for these works will cease by the end of 2016.

"The council expects the nine-hole par-three course to be open in the summer of 2017, subject to there being enough good weather for landscaping to be carried out.

"The new Footgolf facility which is being developed on the old driving range is expected to be ready by spring 2018."

Workers' Memorial Day marked with sculpture dedication

Guests at the dedication event held at Quarry Bank Community Gardens

SOUTH West Lancashire Independent Community Advice Network (ICAN) commemorated Workers' Memorial Day on Thursday, April 28 with a dedication service of a Skelmersdale Mine Workers Memorial Sculpture.

The service was delivered by Reverend Rick Preston from the Ecumenical Centre.

Workers Memorial Day is a reminder to people, employers and employees alike, that health and safety should be the number one priority for everyone.

The service was held in conjunction with Community Restart Volunteers who supported ICAN in siting the sculpture.

Mental health awareness showcase

AN UP Holland company, which specialises in providing mental health awareness skills and knowledge is holding a free, four-day event to showcase their work. The event will be held by IMAGO Training Ltd. at the Sunshine House Community Hub, Wigan from Monday to Thursday, May 16 to 19.

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Report by **Ollie Cowan**

A CAMPAIGN to save rail links between Southport and West Lancashire and Manchester Picadilly has been given a boost after it received cross-party support at a meeting of Sefton Council.

Although rare for members on either side of the chamber to agree on a motion, councillors from both Labour and Lib Dems gave their backing to one by Southport councillor Marianne Welsh which called on Arriva Rail North to rethink the potential cuts to the direct service between the resort and the city centre – a popular route for both tourists and commuters.

The route also takes passengers to and from Manchester Airport.

Under Arriva's plans many towns and cities are promised new and expanded direct services to Manchester Piccadilly and Manchester Airport.

This recognises the importance of Manchester as the main driver of the North West economy and the significance of the airport both for outbound business travel and inbound tourist travel.

However, Southport and Wigan - and stations in between in West Lancs - will lose a direct service into these destinations under Arriva's plans.

This has caused a great deal of unrest and a campaign, entitled 'Go To Picadilly' has been set up by the Southport Rail Transport Forum (SRTF) and the Ormskirk Preston Southport Travellers' Association (OPSTA), was launched soon after the news broke.

A key figure in getting cross-party support for the Cllr. Welsh's motion was Linacre ward Councillor Gordon Friel, acting chair of Merseytravel, who added a number of important amendments to the motion pressing Arriva Rail North to introduce shorter journey times and electrification.

Rail campaigners meet at Southport station

As a result of this motion, Sefton's chief executive, Margaret Carney, will now write to Arriva Rail North, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, Transport for Greater Manchester, Rail North and the Department for Transport strongly urging the plans to axe the Piccadilly and airport service to be reconsidered

Vital

OPSTA, who along with SRTF are running the Go To Piccadilly campaign, are delighted with the news.

Chair, Alan Fantom, said: "I am very pleased Sefton MBC recognises the vital importance of this rail connection for Sefton and the north of the Liverpool City Region.

"The commitment to taking positive action will be very influential in getting the right outcome, the retention and subsequent improvement of this well-used service.

"We still have a fight to get the plan reversed and the continued support and voice of the travelling public is essential. The petitioning by rail users to date has already got the transport authorities thinking."

Southport MP, John Pugh, who has been working to improve transport links from Southport to West Lancashire and is supporting the campaign run by SRTF and OPSTA, said: "It's good news to hear opposing political forces on the council recognising the importance of the issues at stake here.

"In the race to enhance connections between city regions, Sefton appears to have been forgotten about in the dialogue between Manchester and Liverpool.

"In order for Sefton to thrive we need all parts of the borough to feel the benefits as central government devolves power to the city regions.

"Arriva really needs to start listening to the people of Sefton, particularly in the north of the borough who travel outside of Sefton for their living, education or business."

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Scouts go on litter patrol to help smarten up town

A GROUP of Skelmersdale Scouts have been doing their bit to tackle the town's litter problem by cleaning up an area between Our Lady Queen of Peace High School and Lathom High.

The nine-strong group braved the unseasonably wintry weather on Tuesday, April 26, to pick litter in a stretch of woodland between the two schools.

The issue was highlighted in the Champion earlier this month.

Karen Watson, assistant leader with the 42nd Ormskirk (Skelmersdale St Paul's) Scout Group, said: "There has been a litter problem in the area between Our Lady Queen of Peace High School and Lathom High School for a while now.

Amazed

"A parent governor from Lathom High School, Linda Bennett, has been trying to set up a walking bus to enable the pupils of Lathom to walk to school safely, however, the amount of litter in the area was causing concern.

Report by **Henry James**

"She mentioned this to me because of my role with the Scout group and I volunteered our Scouts to go down and collect some of the litter.

This ties in with the Million Hands Initiative, a national scheme the Scouts are taking part in."

After they had finished the Scouts were treated to hot-dogs, crisps and drinks as a thank-you.

Karen added: "The scouts were amazed at the sort of rubbish they found, ranging from a full box of prescription medication to a tub of curry powder!

"The 'star' of the show was a burnt out bike frame which caused a lot of discussion as to how it got there and why it hadn't been found sooner.

"We finished the evening with hot-dogs, crisps and drinks and a discussion about being responsible for your own rubbish and also taking pride in your community."

The Scouts and the results of their litter pick

Redwood Technical Textiles staff pose as angels for their charity calendar. Also pictured is proprietor Brian Atherton.

Redwood staff set to produce second charity calendar

BIG-hearted staff at a Skelmersdale company are set to put themselves in the frame again to raise money for a worthy cause.

Last year employees at Redwood Technical & Specialist Manufacturer in Pimbo decided to follow in the footsteps of the Rylstone Women's Institute, immortalised in the 2003 film Calendar Girls, by producing their own calendar to raise money for prostate cancer, as many of them knew someone whose lives had been affected by the disease.

Their efforts raised a massive £1,250 for prostate cancer.

Now they are planning a second calendar to raise money for the charity, Second Hope, the only UK charity for people living with advanced breast cancer.

Report by **Henry James**

They chose Second Hope as the beneficiary because Margaret Davies, the sister of one of their colleagues, Peter Davies, is suffering from the disease.

One of the organisers, Angela Priest, said: "After the success of the calendar we did for the boys, we decided to do another one for the girls.

"On hearing Margaret's story we wanted to do something to help her. Her story really touched us.

"There will be female employees on the pictures for each month of the year. Some pictures will make you think and others will make you giggle.

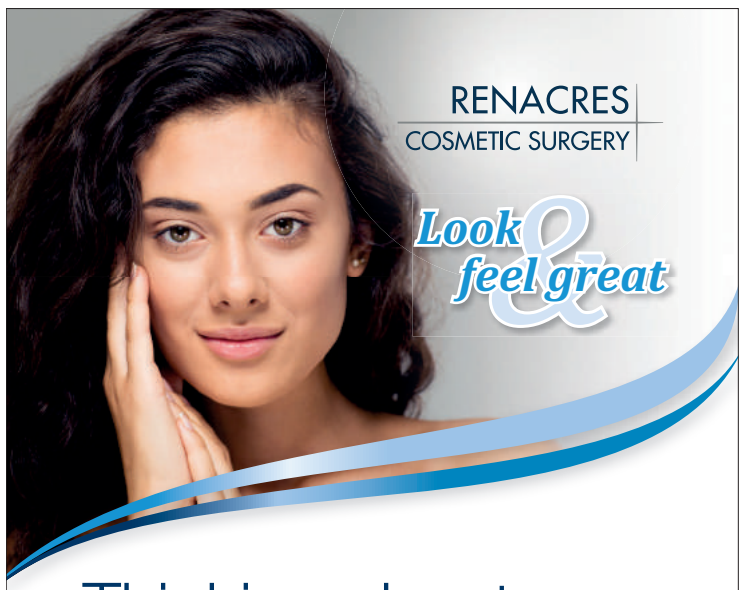
"There are 14 ladies involved and I am making the costumes that they are wearing."

The first calendar, which was slightly risqué, was called Light Up The Darkness – 12 shades at Redwood and took about six months to put together.

It featured men from the company and the pictures were taken inside the factory.

Brian Atherton from the company let the staff put the calendar together and he gave them £600 towards it.

Angela added: "We sold hundreds of calendars last time and we hope to do the same this year. The calendar was available at a number of outlets including Thoughts That Count in the Concourse."



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Healthy lifestyle project launched in borough

by **Henry James**

A NEW project to encourage people to lose weight and live a more active and healthy lifestyle has been launched in West Lancashire.

Commissioned by Lancashire County Council, the Active Lives and Healthy Weight service has begun operating in the borough and will be introduced across the county in the coming weeks.

The service will focus on tackling obesity, encouraging people to manage their weight and also helping them become more physically active.

Delivered in partnership with district councils, NHS organisations and other groups, it will target those in most need of support who meet the criteria for the scheme. People can self-refer or be referred by GPs and other health and leisure professionals.

Sakthi Karunanithi, director of public health for Lancashire, said: "Obesity is one of the biggest preventable causes of early death, alongside smoking. In this scheme there will be specific programmes tailored to suit people's needs.

"Participants will learn about the best approaches to weight loss and about the factors that have caused them to gain weight in the first place.

"Statistics also show that only 56% of adults across Lancashire are achieving the recommended two-and-a-half hours of moderate to vigorous intensity physical activity each week, contributing to an increase in problems such as high blood pressure and strokes."

Active Lives and Healthy Weight has been designed following research into health, activity levels and obesity.

Studies show that more than 276,000 adults (28.5%) are considered physically inactive; while around 630,000 adults (65%) and more than 3,800 (32%) of 10 and 11-year-olds and 3,000 (24%) of reception age children are believed to be overweight throughout Lancashire.

The West Lancashire scheme, Active West Lancs, will be provided in partnership by the borough council; West Lancs Community Leisure Trust; West Lancs Schools Sports Partnership; West Lancs CVS; and Skelmersdale Community Food Initiative.

The programme will open up a range of activities at venues such as leisure and community centres, parks and outdoor facilities, schools and community allotments.

Building on existing services, it will include health walks and community events, school activities, family workshops and after-school clubs, and even community gardening. There will also be a revamped exercise referral scheme, weight management courses and taster activity sessions.

Active West Lancs is up and running now and will be fully operational from the beginning of June when local community groups will be able to apply to a small grants pot to help fund projects aimed at getting more people active.

Dave Tilleray, West Lancs Council's director of leisure and wellbeing, said: "Being active and healthy is vitally important to people's quality of life and Active West Lancs will be a fantastic scheme to help local residents achieve this.

"We are delighted that the council and its partners in this scheme have received funding to make it a reality."

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Rosie gets the 'inside story' on recycling

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancs MP Rosie Cooper was given the opportunity to see first-hand how a modern recycling and renewable energy company operates when she visited Viridor Recycling's state-of-the-art facility in Skelmersdale.

The polymer recycling plant at Gerrards Place receives more than 3,000 tonnes of plastic bottles (that's hundreds of thousands of bottles) each month.

These are sorted using advanced optical techniques, washed and ground into flakes before being sent to be made into new products including packaging trays for food and new cosmetics bottles.

Richard Jenkins, Viridor regional managing director said: "Recycling in the UK is a real success story with great strides being made nationally each year to further boost recycling rates.

"Skelmersdale represents the most advanced remanufacturing within the Viridor network. The facility enables recycled plastic bottles to be turned into high-quality plastic pellets and flakes, with the facility now in a position where the majority of the products are retained within the UK and EU resource markets."

Rosie Cooper said: "I found the visit to Viridor's Skelmersdale plant very informative being able to see how plastic bottles are given a new life rather than being sent to a landfill site after a single use.

"I was able to see how Viridor are using state-of-the-art technology to sift, sort and reprocess this material so that it can re-enter the manufacturing sector again.

"It was a pleasure to meet Richard Jenkins and his team to discuss the importance of operations such as this to enhance the UK's resource security whilst providing vital employment in Skelmersdale."

Rosie Cooper pictured with Richard Jenkins, regional managing director for Viridor, during her visit to Viridor Skelmersdale

21-year-old pleads guilty to making indecent images

By our **Court Reporter**

A YOUNG Skelmersdale man has appeared in court for possessing indecent images.

Ryan Brady, 21, of Flimby, appeared before Ormskirk Magistrates Court where he pleaded guilty to three charges of making indecent photos/pseudo photographs of a child.

Philippa White, prosecuting, said that though the number of images was comparatively low in relation to other cases, she said that there were 42 images at most serious category A and invited the magistrates to send the matter to the crown court for sentencing.

Of the other images, 34 were of category B and 73 of the lowest category C.

"Officers attended at the defendant's address on October 22 of last year," she said. "They had a warrant in relation to searching the premises in relation to the possibility of possession of indecent images of children.

"The defendant directed them to three hard drives and also to a laptop and a mobile phone in his possession which were all seized.

"He was spoken to at the scene and also interviewed during which he made an admission to uploading one single category A image and it's suggested that it was in fact an image involving a child of about five years of age engaging in explicit sexual activity with what appeared to be an adult male.

"On March 3, he attended a second voluntary interview and admitted possession of all the images found on his devices."

Solicitor David Lacide argued that similar offences in the crown court were receiving suspended prison sentences of less than 12 months with extended periods of supervision and he urged the magistrates to consider keeping the matter within their jurisdiction until probation reports were complied.

"It can still be sent to the crown court if any aggravating features arise in the report," he said.

Telling the court that Brady was on medication for schizophrenia and depression, he said: "There is substantial remorse."

The magistrates agreed to the request and adjourned until May 17 for probation reports.

U3A group annual meeting

THE Skelmersdale branch of the University of the Third Age (U3A) are holding their annual general meeting on Thursday, May 19 starting at 2pm in the Ecumenical Centre in Northway.

College fundraiser has the X-factor!

Students and visitors to the college fundraiser for Twinkle House with Jill Appleton from the charity and Goldie.

TOURISM and hospitality management students at West Lancashire College hosted a St George's Family Fun Day to raise money for Skelmersdale charity, Twinkle House.

As part of the event management unit of their course they planned, co-ordinated and managed the event in conjunction with fellow colllege students.

Professional cookery students served up some traditional English fayre, while film and media, performing arts, make-up and nails sports skilled academy students assisted in providing lots of fun activities.

In addition, Twinkle House ambassador, Goldie Cheung of X-Factor fame, paid a surprise visit.

Held at the college's Skelmersdale campus, the event raised nearly £150 for the charity.

And the students are continuing their fundraising efforts by holding a raffle for a rocking horse, donated by Twinkle House, and signed rugby items from local teams.

As well as raising money for a good cause the students have been able to gain valuable work and enterprise experience by planning and hosting the event.

They and college staff thank everyone who supported the event to make it a success.

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30,000 pay poignant tribute to the 96

AN estimated 30,000 people gathered outside St George's Hall in Liverpool to remember the 96 Liverpool fans who died at Hillsborough after the landmark inquest verdict.

The special commemorative event was held the day after the inquest jury ruled that the victims of the 1989 FA Cup semi-final disaster were unlawfully killed and that the Reds fans were blameless for the tragedy.

Families of the 96 were joined by the likes of Mayor of Liverpool, Joe Anderson, Labour's shadow home secretary, Andy Burnham, and Anfield legend Kenny Dalglish who all spoke to the huge gathering.

There were also speeches made by family members of the 96, including Margaret Aspinall, while 96 red roses were placed by representatives of both the Liverpool and Everton clubs.

An emotional rendition of You'll Never Walk Alone was sung by Sense of Sound choir with many members of the crowd joining in.

The poignant occasion on Wednesday, April 27 followed the conclusion of the two-year inquest 24 hours earlier when the jury decided that the 96 fans who died had been unlawfully killed.

They also criticised South Yorkshire Police and the ambulance service for their handling of the disaster.

In the wake of the verdict the chief constable of South Yorkshire Police, David Crompton has been suspended and pressure is mounting for criminal proceedings to be initiated against those deemed to be responsible for the deaths.

Landmark verdict a first step to justice, says MP

ROSIE Cooper has hailed the Hillsborough inquest verdict as a landmark and a first step in the fight for justice.

The West Lancs MP was speaking after the conclusion of the two-year hearing in Warrington.

She said: "The verdict that the 96 Hillsborough victims were unlawfully killed is the first step towards justice.

"This is a landmark day in the fight for justice for the 96, their families and their friends, righting the wrongs of previous inquiries.

"The jury's verdict reiterated the truth of the Hillsborough Independent Panel report and is the absolute and resounding vindication of the Liverpool FC fans and their conduct that was so disgustingly misrepresented for far too many years.

"In these veerdicts there is finally a recorded judgment on the failures of the responsible agencies, whether police, ambulance services or all those responsible for stadium safety.

"The criminal investigations will continue and it is here that the ultimate justice for the 96 will be served, but for now the fight for that justice for the 96 will continue."

Rosie Cooper MP

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Youth group step up activities to keep youngsters off town's streets

SKELMERSDALE Action For Youth have been carrying out more activities to get young people off the streets and estates in the town through their Let's Get Active scheme.

The youth group are organising different events and have just purchased a large crazy cart to add to the other carts in their collection.

SAY leader Alan Lewis said: "The carts allow young people to have free fun while engaging with other youngsters."

Young people are being invited to crazy cart sessions at Evermoor Hub on Friday evenings from 5 to 6pm.

Wigan Athletic Community Trust will also be running free football training sessions at Skelmersdale Fire Station from 6 to 8pm on Thursday and at the same times on Fridays at the Hub.

Alan Lewis added: "The sessions will help break down barriers between young people and older people. The activities are run by voluntary workers from SAY and Wigan Athletic, Lancashire Fire and Rescue and Evermoor Hub.

A crazy cart session run by SAY

"We work in close partnership with Lancashire Police to engage with young people across the town."

SAY are also running Street Dance sessions at the Youth Zone for the next three weeks, which are free to young people age 13 and above.

And the group has plans for a Mental Health Conference for young people across West Lancashire. This is run with South West Lancashire Independent Community Advice Network.

Alan Lewis added: "SAY would like to thank our funders including the police commissioner, the John Laing Trust, Comic Relief and the Young People's Service. We also want to thank two of our young helpers, Phil Newby and James Hughes."

The Lathom pupils and staff who attended the conference pictured outside the Anglican Cathedral

Cathedral trip provides lessons in life for high school group

A GROUP of Year 7 pupils from Lathom High School attended a conference on the life and times of Victorian social reformer, Josephine Butler at Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral.

The event began with a collective worship service where they listened to facts about Josephine Butler's life. The youngsters also had prayers and reflection concerning the day.

They then attended three workshops.

The first looked at how by our words, works and example in life to others, we can become a 'living book' for others – just as Josephine did.

The second was a drama session where the youngsters were asked to look at various emotions in life and act out how they would use these emotions towards others and why?

And the third was designing a stained glass window based on the words Compassion, Healing, Power and Helping others.

After the lunch the pupils had a tour of the cathedral and saw all the ornate pictures, sculptures and the intricate building design.

They then ended the day with another collective worship.

Crown court date for man who had 45,000 indecent computer images of children

A 64-YEAR-OLD man has pleaded guilty to having more than 45,000 indecent images of children on his computers.

Appearing at Ormskirk Magistrates Court, Philip Armitage of Ayrfield Road, Roby Mill pleaded guilty to one charge of being in possession of 45,181 indecent images of children between the dates June 2012 and August 2015, and to three charges of making indecent photographs/ pseudo photographs of a child during the same period.

The majority of the images - 25,755 - were of the lowest category C, but 8,658 of them were of the highest category A. The rest were of category B.

The legal advisor told the magistrates to send the matter to the crown court for sentencing. He said: "It's accepted by both prosecution and defence that your sentencing powers are not sufficient.".

By our **Court Reporter**

Bailing Mr Armitage with the conditions that he has no unsupervised contact with children under the age of 18, and that he doesn't have in his possession any device capable of accessing the Internet, the magistrates sent the matter to Liverpool Crown Court where he will appear on May 31.

He is permitted the use of his iPhone 3 but he must make it available to police for inspection and he must not delete the browsing history.

Due to the nature of the offences, Mr Armitage was also told that he must formally register his name and address with police.

Megan moves up to take on new role at award-winning hotel

A 24-year-old woman from Up Holland is celebrating after winning a promotion at an award-winning hotel in Cheshire.

Megan Williams has been promoted to deputy conference and banqueting operations manager at the Stanley House Hotel and Spa in Mellor.

She has worked at the hotel for two years, originally joining as restaurant manager and becoming service manager last year.

Following her latest promotion, she will take on responsibility for delivering banqueting for weddings, private celebrations and corporate events at the hotel which recently scooped a trio of accolades at the Ribble Valley Stars in Tourism Awards, including the Team of Excellence award.

Megan Williams

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Anniversary concert raises £1,400 for quake-hit country

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A CONCERT held to mark the first anniversary of the massive earthquake which devastated Nepal last April has raised more than £1,400 for ongoing community projects in the South Asian republic.

Staged at Ormskirk Parish Church, the concert by Aughton Male Voice Choir was organised by choir member, Paul Dickie.

The 64-year-old from Lathom was caught up in the tragedy while visiting Kathmandu with friend, Tony Fairbrother. The pair narrowly escaped death when a temple they had been visiting seconds earlier came crashing down.

The retired civil servants were fulfilling a long-held ambition to visit Nepal when the killer quake struck, leaving more than 8,000 people dead and more than 21,000 injured, as well as reducing historic landmarks to rubble.

Proceeds from the concert by the choir, which draws members from throughout West Lancashire, Southport, Formby and Maghull, will be divided between charities, Transformation Nepal and Skelmersdale-based Resolve International which funds community project in the country, one of the poorest in the region.

Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Nikki Hennessy attended the concert, along with Keith Laycock, founder and chairman of Resolve International.

Paul Dickie said: "We'd like to thank the Champion for highlighting the concert which has so far raised £1,400 and we're hoping it will eventually be more. It went really well and there was a great atmosphere.

Paul Dickie (right) and members of Aughton Male Voice Choir with the mayor, Cllr. Nikki Hennessy and Resolve International chairman Keith Laycock before the concert

"In Nepal they don't have a Leap Year so they commemorated the anniversary on the Sunday, the day before the concert.

"Tony had actually gone back out to help for the anniversary and took photos which he sent to me. We were able to display them to show the audience the commemorations there as we were honouring the date here, which was really very special."

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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Cycle paths would be safer for all and better for the environment

I HAD to laugh to myself at the letter regarding the linear cycle path through Skelmersale. Apparently, according to the wisdom of the author, a cycle path is 'the last thing Skelmersdale needs'.

Is it? I asked myself, giggling as I read further.

As a cyclist, I ride to and from my employment on a daily basis, from Burscough to Ormskirk, an average of six miles per day.

Now the story doesn't end there. As you will be all too aware Burscough has had two very useful bus services axed to save money down at County Hall on bus subsidies.

I ride everywhere, I don't own a car. I ride to Skelmersdale to visit friends and to visit the health centre and Concourse, also to use the facilities at Beacon Country Park, a super valuable resource.

Cycling is a superb green mode of transport you don't have to be super-fit to enjoy. What you do have to be is super-vigilant for the myriad of vehicle drivers that really should take a long lesson in revisiting the highway code.

More cyclists would be safer off busy roads and on purpose-built paths. This would encourage new riders of all ages to take two wheels instead of four. European countries plough a considerable amount of investment into cycle ways, and they're used, Holland being a prime example.

Then there's the road tax myth. The Road Fund Licence was abolished in May 1936! Yes, really!

Both car drivers and cyclists pay nothing for the roads they ride on.

Let's not forget that roads existed long before motor vehicles - some of them might even be Roman!

Sports centres are the victims of circumstance. There are so many privately-run facilities these days that offer more than council-owned ones and great deals. Like everything, it's market-led.

Ormskirk swimming baths saved, woo! I haven't used it in donkey's years. I would sooner enjoy the simple pleasure of walking, on the miles and miles of public footpaths we take for granted, or cycle myself silly to Skelmersdale.

Green transport is a must and the gas-guzzling car is begging to become a dinosaur. Hybrid and electric cars, electric bicycles, how exciting, thrilling and possibly we can slow down the imminent death of our planet from pollution and save it for the next generation without being short-sighted and insular.

Cyclist, name supplied

Short-term inconvenience of junior doctors' strike is worthwhile in context of longer-term quality of care

YOU will hear many reports this week about the operations and appointments cancelled due to the junior doctors' strike. What you won't hear about is how many operations and clinics are cancelled every week due to staff shortages, lack of beds due to the increasing demand for emergency care and the chronic under-funding of the NHS and social care.

This is nothing to do with the junior doctors and changing their contract is not going to solve this recurring problem, or improve emergency cover or mortality rates.

There have been quotes from a small number of very senior doctors in high-ranking management and administrative positions, mostly knights and peers, expressing their concerns that this action will put patients at risk. However, the vast majority of senior doctors who still work at the coalface support the action, but these views are not reported as widely.

The other stick that has been used to beat the junior doctors with is the Hippocratic oath. An American doctor wrote a new version in the early 1960s that bears more relevance to modern medicine.

Actually, doctors do not mandatorily take this oath, but the guiding principles are important. Here are a couple of lines from it that are worth looking at.

'I will apply, for the benefit of the sick, all measures which are required.'

'I will remember that I remain a member of society, with special obligations to all my fellow human beings, those sound of mind and body, as well as the infirm.'

Junior doctors have looked at this proposed new contract and have concluded that what is proposed will have a detrimental effect on the quality and safety of care they will be able to provide to patients. The short-term inconvenience of this strike is felt to be worthwhile in the context of longer-term quality of care.

The contract will not help to improve weekend cover. It will only dilute existing junior doctor cover further.

The GMC have outlined what they feel are the duties of a doctor. The following extracts are, in my opinion, entirely compatible with junior doctors taking industrial action for longer-term protection of patients:

- **Make the care of your patient your first concern.**
- **Take prompt action if you think that patient safety, dignity or comfort is being compromised.**
- **Work with colleagues in the ways that best serve patients' interests.**
- **You are personally accountable for your professional practice and must always be prepared to justify your decisions and actions.**

The calls to strike off or lock up junior doctors who take part in this action are at best misguided and verge on ridiculous.

In summary, the risk to patient safety on the two strike days has been assessed and measures are in place to ensure safe cover in hospital emergency units. This strike is taking place because of the department of health's refusal to get back around the negotiating table unless they are allowed to impose what they want if they don't like the outcome of negotiations! What they want will worsen not improve patient care.

Donna Hodson, by email

PICTURE of the week

Floral display at the church

Members of Christ Church in Newburgh put the finishing touches to the display at its recent Spring Flower Festival.

Picture by Martyn Snape.

Quick fixes not the answer to pothole problems

AFTER reading the story about County Councillor John Fillis with regard to potholes (Champion, April 20) I am disgusted that it has the taken the Labour council so long for any action to be taken.

John Fillis is quoted as saying "further cuts to come over the next three years of £7.5m, along with cuts to roads repair of £3,259m" yet has he considered the money being spent is hugely inefficient?

Quickly repairing potholes which are destroyed within weeks is not good use of money, as seen on the A59. How about getting it right first time with quality repairs that can last a good while longer? I ask is that not better sense than quick fixes?

Leon Graham, Conservative candidate, Burscough West ward

Parking problem will surely end in tears

HAVE other readers noticed that we have acquired a new single-track road in Ormskirk?

It used to be a two-way road between Whiteleys Lane and St Helens road, called Scarth Hill Lane. I used to travel along this road quite regularly, but since it has now become single-track, I find an alternative route.

Commercial motorists and residents who still use this road must be infuriated by the parking of cars along one side, and just recently, both sides. Undoubtedly the culprit is Edge Hill students (and staff?).

One can foresee the traffic problems here ending in tears, whether an accident or between frustrated motorists.

Come on, police – dish out some tickets for obstruction. And council, a few more yellow lines would not go amiss.

B.C., name and address supplied

Help save the water vole

The People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) is calling for volunteers to take part in their annual water vole survey in May.

Water voles have experienced the most severe decline of any wild mammal in the UK, so PTES urgently needs volunteers to record any sightings in order to aid wider conservation efforts in the UK.

To find out more or to take part in the 2016 National Water Vole Monitoring Programme, visit www.ptes.org/watervoles.

Adela, by email

Devoted hospital staff deserve our praise not criticism

HAVING read so many letters criticising the services at Southport Hospital I would like to say that I recently spent 23 days there and I received exemplary care from all the doctors and nurses.

I grew up alongside the NHS and though there are insufficient resources given to the service I found staff are devoted to the care of patients and are willing to go that extra mile.

Nurses motivated me when I was low and my consultant even visited me when he should have been on leave at Easter. How demoralising it must be for staff at the hospital to receive criticism of A&E and strike action when they are already working long hours for often comparatively low pay.

All grades of staff carry considerable responsibility and I thank all in ward 15b who played a key part in my return to health.

Rosie Dansey, Scarisbrick

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School gardening project is Rocket Science!

Primary pupils team up with space agency and horticultural society in nationwide experiment

PUPILS at St Teresa's Catholic Primary School in Up Holland are set to become space biologists after being selected to grow seeds that have been into space with British astronaut Tim Peake.

The school in College Road was one of many nationwide selected to take part in the experiment entitled Rocket Science and organised by the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) in conjunction with the UK Space Agency.

The Year 6 youngsters had to plant 200 seeds, half of which had been in space for six months with Tim Peake and the other half which had remained on earth.

Denise Scarisbrick, school business manager at St Teresa's said: "We will observe the seeds over the next few weeks and will be told which seeds have been to space at the end of the experiment."

After participating in a classroom experiment in May and June, pupils will be asked to enter their results in a bespoke microsite so that results from schools across the nation can be collated and analysed by professional biostatisticians.

Two kilograms of rocket (Eruca sativa) seeds were launched on Soyuz 44S in September 2015 with European Space Agency astronaut Andreas Mogensen and his crew, arriving on the International Space Station (ISS) two days later.

British astronaut Tim Peake took charge of the seeds while on the ISS for his Principia mission. After being held for about six months in microgravity, the seeds were returned to Earth with astronaut Scott Kelly.

Some of the St Teresa's pupils who are taking part in the Rocket Science Project

Each participating school receives 100 seeds that have been on the ISS and 100 seeds that have remained on Earth.

The seed packets are colour-coded but schools are not told which packet contains which seeds until national results have been published.

RHS skills development manager, Claire Custance, said: "Tim Peake knows that among those taking part in the experiment there will be dozens who could help get an astronaut to Mars, hundreds who could build careers in the sciences and horticulture, and tens of thousands who will have a new appreciation of the natural world and the role plants play in all our lives."

The new accommodation block at Skelmersdale Fire Station

New accommodation block at fire station wins site scheme award

A NEW accommodation block at Skelmersdale Fire Station has won an award in a national construction site scheme.

The building at the station in Tanhouse Road opened in April when the new Day Crewing Plus system was brought into operation.

Now it has landed a bronze award for Warrington--based contractors Harry Fairclough Construction Limited in the Considerate Constructor Scheme 2016 National Site Awards.

The awards recognise those sites registered with the scheme that have raised the bar for considerate construction.

The scheme looks at the measures which have been put in place to be considerate towards local neighbourhoods, the public, the workforce and the environment.

Nominated sites have the chance of picking up bronze, silver or gold awards.

The award citations state that the winning sites adherie to the scheme's five-point Code of Considerate Practice - care about appearance; respect the community; protect the environment; secure everyone's safety and value the workforce.

A spokesman for Lancashire Fire and Rescue said: "Congratulations to Harry Fairclough Construction Limited to the work they did on the construction of the new accommodation block."

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Sat 21st	KOKOPELLI	AMAZING BAND
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Sun 29th	DUNCAN HEATHER	GREAT MALE VOCALIST

Sat 4th	THE DEAL	JUNE ROCK COVERS PARTY BAND
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Microchip reminder to dog owners in borough

Council offering second chance to have your pet 'chipped' for free

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancs Council is reminding dog owners in the borough that their pets must now be microchipped and is helping to provide them with the chance to get the job done for free.

New legislation which came into force on April 6 made it a legal requirement for all dogs to be microchipped and their details kept up to date.

Anyone failing to meet these requirements can be served with a 21-day notice giving them the opportunity to get their dogs chipped. Failure to comply can result in prosecution and a fine of up to £500.

Dogs with microchips that are not up to date will be deemed as not microchipped. Owners again will be served with a 21-day notice to complete the update.

The microchip needs to be registered to the dog's keeper and their address, which means to the person and to the address where the dog habitually resides.

To help people comply with the new law the council recently teamed up with the Dogs Trust to provide free microchipping for dogs in the borough at the Evermoor Hub in Digmoor, Skelmersdale. There was a great turn-out and 136 dogs were chipped.

Important

Due to the success of this event, the council is hosting another session on Wednesday, May 25 at the Tanhouse Enterprise Group building (formerly Tanhouse Community Centre) in Skelmersdale.

The microchipping will start at 11am and the queue will close at an appropriate point to ensure that the last dog is seen at 3pm.

Dave Tilleray, the council's director of leisure and wellbeing, said: "If you have a dog which is not microchipped come along to our event where the procedure can be carried out with no charge.

"It is very important that people comply with this legislation or they could be prosecuted and face a heavy fine."

Dogs may only be exempt from chipping if they have a certificate from a vet.

The new law does not replace the requirement for a dog to wear a collar and tag in a public place. It is an additional piece of legislation.

Currently dog owners can be fined up to £5,000 for not having collar and tags on their dogs.

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Fashion show raises £3,300 for NSPCC

STAFF at Hurlston Hall Golf Club swapped birdies and eagles for the catwalk when they staged a charity fashion show in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

More than 170 guests enjoyed the event at the club in Scarisbrick presented by Coco Boutique of Southport with a grand total of £3,300 raised for the Ormskirk & Aughton branch of the NSPCC.

Branch chairperson, Liz McNeill offered sincere thanks on behalf of the committee to everyone who supported the day with a special mention to Aoiffe O'Brien of Hurlston Hall and Nichola Johnson of Coco for their attention to detail and all-round help in organising the event.

Pictured: Liz McNeil (centre) chair of Aughton and Ormskirk NSPCC fundraising branch with models Sarah, Megan, Hannah and Alex who took part in the fashion show at Hurlston Hall Golf Club.

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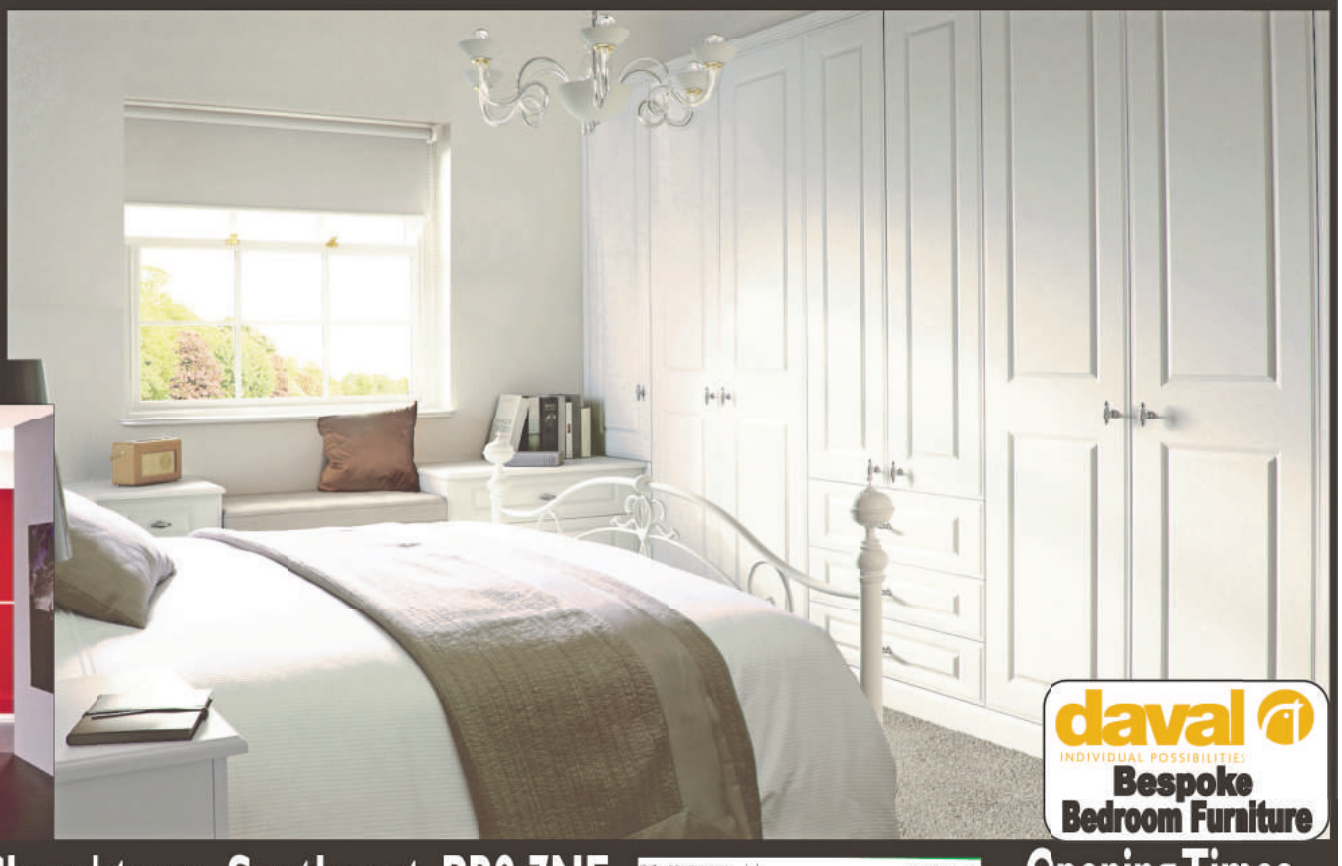

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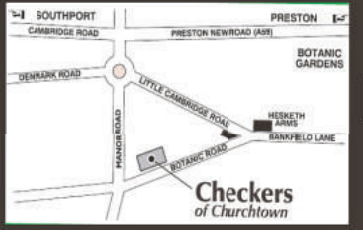

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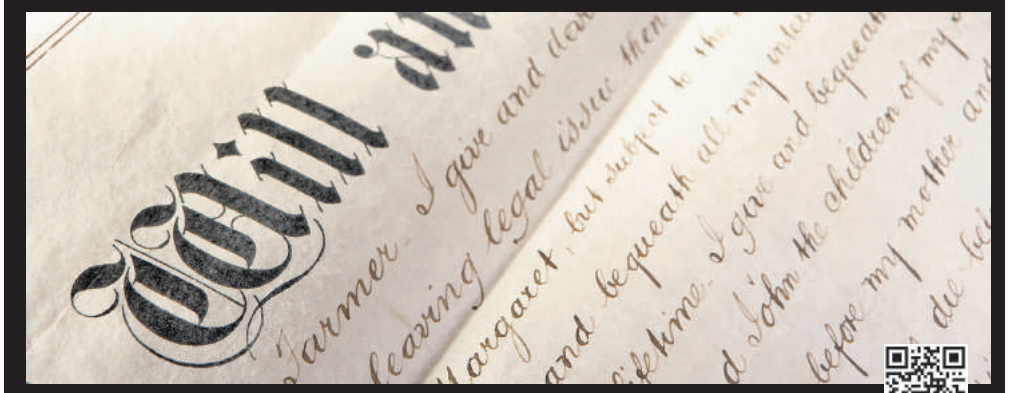

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As a result, it is more important than ever to put in place a Lasting Power of Attorney to ensure that if you are not able to look after your affairs then you have chosen who you would want to do so on your behalf.

A Lasting Power of Attorney is an important legal document that everybody should put in place, it can cover your property and finances and your health and welfare. Within it, you can pick who you would want to look after your finances and your welfare if you cannot do so yourself. It is important to get proper advice from a qualified solicitor before making a Lasting Power of Attorney.

Putting in place a Lasting Power of Attorney will make things easier for your family if you are not able to look after your affairs. If you do lose the ability to look after your own finances and welfare and you have not put in place a Lasting Power of Attorney, then the alternative is for an application to be made to the Court of Protection, the costs of which can run into many thousands of pounds, far more expensive than putting a Lasting Power of Attorney in place now.

It is also important to put in place a will so you can clearly set out who you want your estate to pass to in the event of your death. Over two-thirds of the adult population do not have a valid will and recent changes to Inheritance Tax legislation with the introduction of additional reliefs in relation to the family home make it even more important to put in place a tax efficient will.

For example, if you are a married couple with assets of £1,000,000 (including your home) and your will is not properly structured, your estate could end up paying Inheritance Tax of £140,000 which could easily have been avoided.

A properly drafted will can also help protect your property and assets from care fees, average care home fees in the local area range from £500 to £900 per week, if you are in a care home for a year this could amount to costs of between £26,000 to £46,800.

Protecting your property and assets in a will is usually done through the use of trusts so it is important to use a qualified solicitor who is properly trained and regulated rather than an unqualified will writer who may have no legal training. It can be tempting to use a cheaper alternative, such as a DIY will or online provider, but this is often a false economy as fixing the problems caused by such methods is often far more expensive than if a solicitor had been instructed in the first place.

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ORGANISERS of the annual Burscough Wharf Raft Race, to be held as part of a local history group's 200th anniversary celebrations of the completion of the Leeds-Liverpool Canal, are planning to make it bigger and better this year.

The Burscough Heritage Group are holding the raft race at noon on Sunday, June 19 as part of the Heritage Weekend's activities on the Saturday and Sunday.

Sponsored by Burscough Parish Council and Thomas Guy Ltd, the race will start from the Slipway pub in Burscough and finish at Burscough Wharf. Prizes will be awarded for categories including the Best Themed Raft and Most Recyclable Raft and for the first time, this year there will be a junior race.

Proceeds raised will be donated to the Lancashire Association of Boys and Girls Clubs (LABGC). Formed in 1934, LABGC works with 45 affiliated clubs throughout Lancashire to help disadvantaged young people.

Ray Eckersley, Burscough Wharf's site manager, said: "We're excited about this year's race, there's already been lots of interest, but we want to make it bigger than ever to mark the 200th anniversary. We're hoping to see some really creative contributions, the only condition is the rafts have to be home-made."

Participants will be greeted back on to dry land to join the Heritage Weekend celebrations where a winners' presentation ceremony will take place.

Participants enjoying last year's raft race

To take part in the race, call Nick Eckersley on 01695576884 or email nickeckersley@nreltd.co.uk and formore information visitwww.burscough-wharf.co.uk

50-ft mast plan bid submitted to council

PLANNING permission is being sought for the installation of a new communications mast almost 50ft high on Liverpool Road, Rufford.

Applicant Arqiva Ltd. has submitted a planning application to West Lancs Council to install the 12-metre mast with an attached antenna and GPS unit (making an overall height of 14.8m), an equipment cabinet and electric meter cabinet at the Telephone Exchange.

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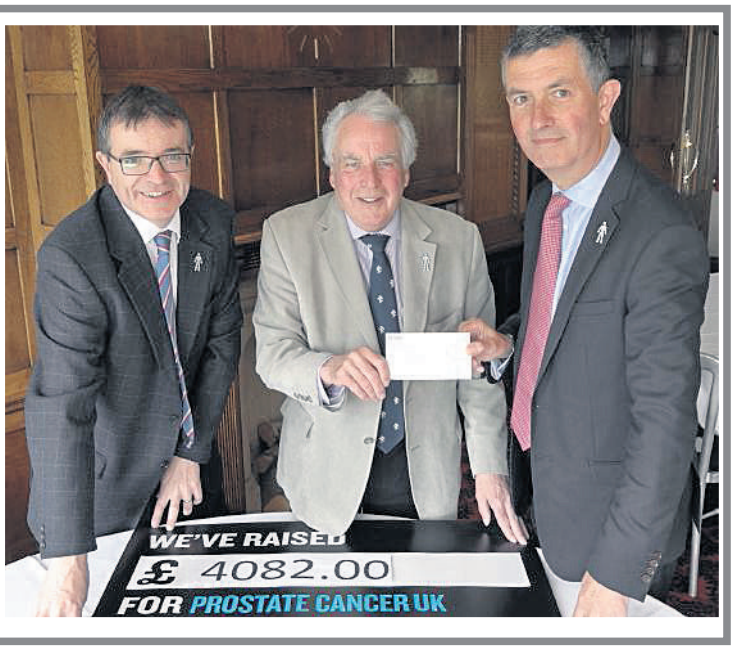
Golfers chip in for charity

A FUNDRAISING drive by members of Ormskirk Golf Club teed up a welcome boost for a national cancer charity.

Club captain, David James and secretary, Peter Bowen presented a cheque for £4,082 to Chris Bergman from Prostate Cancer UK.

The money was raised at events held at the club in Cranes lane, Lathom, including a sportsman's dinner and coffee morning.

Peter Bowen said: "It was fantastic to raise funds for such a brilliant charity. We raise funds for a different nominated charity each year and we will be choosing a new one very shortly."



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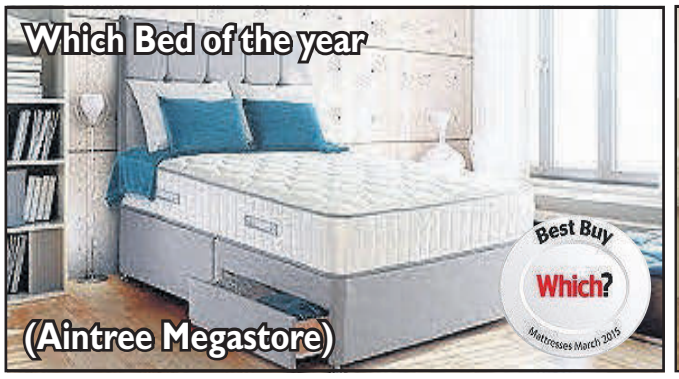

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Complaints prompt pledge to clear up parking confusion

Indistinct yellow lines on New Court Way have resulted in motorists parking illegally

ROSIE Cooper says Lancashire County Council have pledged to clear up confusion over motorists parking illegally in New Court Way in Ormskirk town centre.

The West Lancs MP took up the case after receiving complaints from local businesses about cars being parked on both sides of the road and on the bend, reducing visibility and making it less safe for pedestrians crossing from Station Road to Railway Approach, a route also used by many families walking to school.

Ms Cooper said that county council officials told her that the yellow lines were not of a sufficient standard to allow parking enforcement, preventing the authority from taking action against parked vehicles.

The yellow lines will now be re-painted to bring them up to standard and once the work is completed, enforcement of the restrictions on New Court Way will start again and penalty charge notices will be issued to offenders.

Rosie Cooper said: "In search of free parking some motorists have been parking on New Court Way causing problems for local business owners.

"Lancashire County Council's action to re-paint the lines should ensure cars parked on yellow lines will receive a ticket. Local motorists need to be aware that re-painting the lines will mean action can be taken against drivers ignoring the parking restrictions, in some cases causing problems for local businesses."

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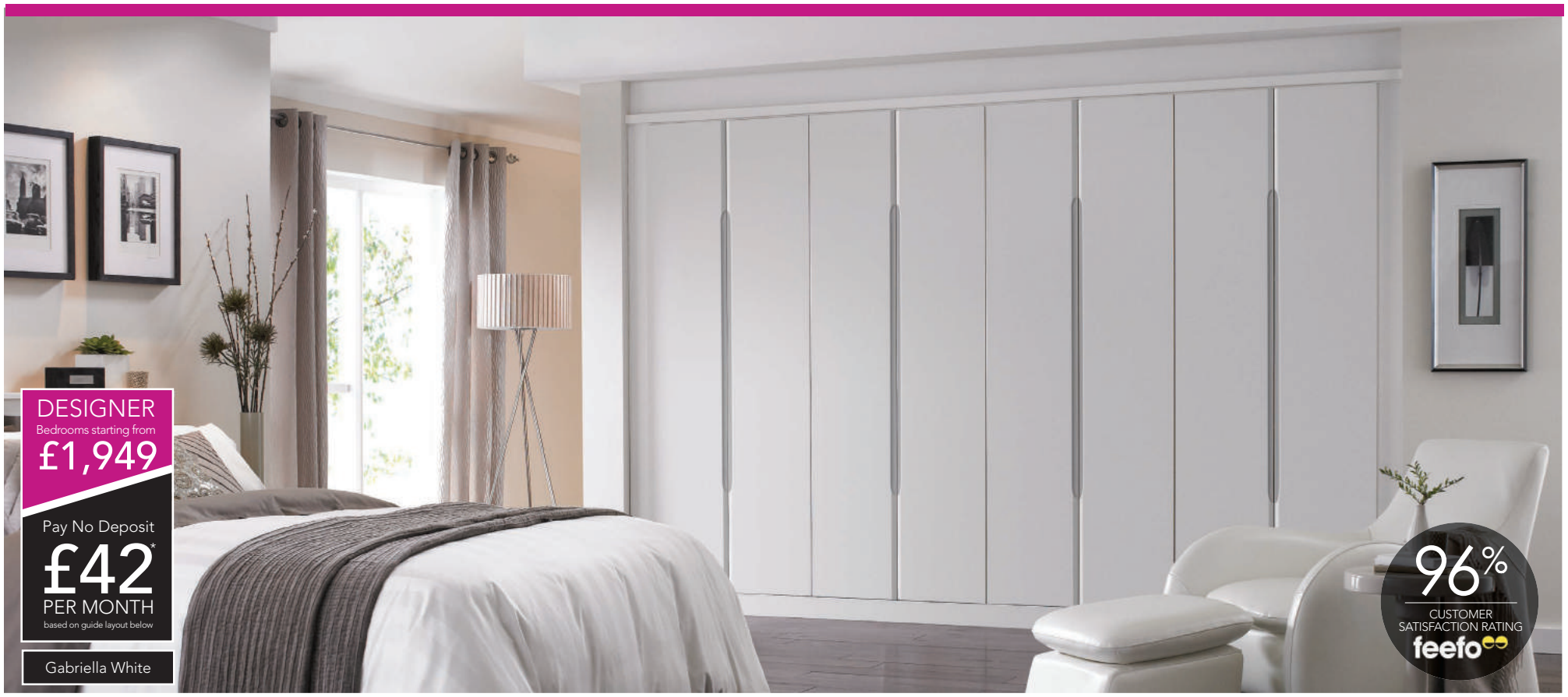

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Search for county's brightest young business stars

The real deal... last year's Young 'Uns winners celebrate after picking up their awards

THE search is on again for Lancashire's "most impressive, innovative and inspiring" young business people aged 36 and under.

Organised by Lancashire Business View magazine and backed by BAE Systems, the Young 'Uns Awards will honour the county's young business stars across a range of categories at a ceremony at Blackpool's Winter Gardens in October.

Young business professionals and business owners are now being urged to get their nominations in by the deadline of Friday, September 2. And employers are also being encouraged to nominate their star employees.

From legal eagles to digital dynamos and red-hot retailers, there are 12 categories in total to ensure that anyone making waves in their industry has a chance to have their story heard. Following validation and pre-scoring by the judging panel, finalists will be announced on September 12.

The four finalists for each category will then meet the judges for interviews on September 22 with the ceremony taking place on October 20.

Richard Slater, publisher of Lancashire Business View, said: "The Young 'Uns idea began as a popular feature in our magazine, profiling the sharpest business minds aged 36 and under. Eventually, we had so many fantastic stories that it became obvious we needed to honour them properly.

"The Young 'Uns are the next generation of Lancashire's business leaders and we urge them to nominate themselves. We also urge employers to nominate their star staff members. We have added the interview stage to our judging process this year and are looking forward to meeting finalists and celebrating their achievements."

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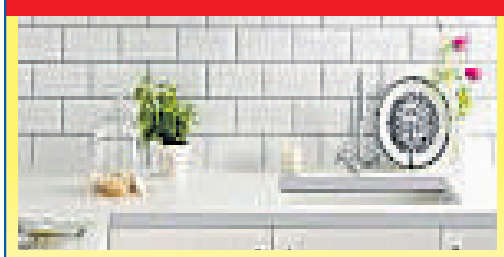

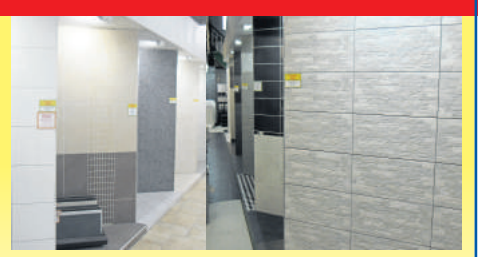

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A celebration of the industrial heritage of Albert Dock, Steam on the Dock marks the return of a Liverpool icon - The Daniel Adamson - a historically significant, steam-powered tug, built in 1903, which has now been fully restored and will be open to the public for the first time in over 30 years. Joining "The Danny" will be a fleet of coal-powered steamboats, as they power and puff their way around Liverpool's famous waterways.

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MP accuses CCG of using 'fantasy' figures in row over care services

ROSIE Cooper claims plans by West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to save £13 million "appear to be pure fantasy based on guesswork."

The West Lancs MP has raised her concerns with national health bosses at NHS Improvement over West Lancs CCG's plans to exclude Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust from tendering for some urgent care and community health services - contracts which they already operate.

by **Henry James**

In response NHS Improvement states: "The expectation set out in the CCG's tender document is that an additional £13m will be released from secondary care, however the actual release of the expenditure will require GPs and other clinical staff to behave differently. For example, it will require fewer patients to be referred to hospitals for diagnostic testing, treatment and care or consultant opinion which is against the current trend of increased referrals to secondary care services.

"It is difficult at this stage to calculate the potential income loss to the trust because the impact of the schemes in terms of how effective they will be at reducing demand for secondary care is unknown."

However, Rosie Cooper accused the CCG of "a lack of transparency."

She said: "Despite delivering a hammer blow to local health services, bosses at West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group haven't been very forthcoming about how they made the decision to exclude Southport and Ormskirk Hospital Trust whilst putting two private companies in pole position to take over community and urgent care services.

"There has been a real lack of openness and transparency around this entire process even though we are talking about taxpayer-funded public health services.

Pressing

"While the CCG believe they can save £13 million of expenditure NHS Improvement are not particularly convinced given it requires a complete change in culture for GPs and clinical staff and would mean going against all the current trends which are seeing more referrals not less.

"This leads me to the opinion that West Lancashire CCG are making plans based on pure fantasy and guesswork rather than being rooted in reality. We need to see the evidence base for this guesswork.

"I've already called for West Lancashire CCG to review their tender process following Southport and Formby CCG's decision to allow Southport and Ormskirk Hospital to tender for their community services.

"In light of this new information it is even more pressing that West Lancashire CCG put a stop to the chaos and damage they are creating for local health services and our much-needed local hospital before it is all too late."

A spokesperson for NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), said: "This re-procurement of local community health services is standard practice for CCGs. It is subject to national procurement legislation which requires the CCGs to enable both NHS and private providers to compete, and only proceed if they are successful following evaluation against set criteria. As a CCG, we have a responsibility to review all NHS services we commission, not least when contracts come to an end.

"This procurement is in line with our clinical strategy to ensure community services continue to meet the changing needs of their populations in the future, whilst at the same time continuing to provide the highest possible standards of quality and value for patients. This procurement process is in line with our vision for joined up care which is about creating effective and sustainable services for the future. Changing and enhancing the way we deliver services will allow us to free up hospital capacity in order to allow them to focus on those other crucial areas and services they specialise in, and work with the community health services. Our local hospital will continue to be a major part of local health services and will remain integral in moving towards joined up care. The £13m mentioned by the MP is an indicative contract cost, not a predicted saving as suggested."

Scouts parade through Ormskirk town centre to mark St George's Day

Scouts on parade to mark saint's day

SCOUTS from across the district took part in a parade to celebrate St George's Day in Ormskirk.

They were joined by Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Nikki Hennessy on the parade through the town centre with each group displaying their own emblems alongside flags bearing the cross of St George.

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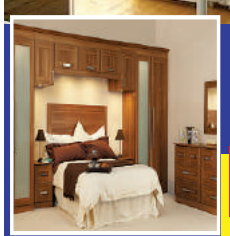

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Members of the Heatons Bridge Military Vehicle Group at their first display of the year at the Heatons Bridge Inn, Scarisbrick

Good turn-out for military vehicle group's first display of year

HUNDREDS of visitors turned out to enjoy this year's first military display by the Heaton's Bridge Military Vehicle Group.

The two-day event at the Heatons Bridge Inn in Scarisbrick featured a range of military vehicles from World War Two onwards, including jeeps, four-ton trucks, an armoured personnel carrier, military motorbikes, and military staff cars.

Also on display were military equipment and 'big guns' including a Howitzer, tank transporter, firearms and bayonets.

The events are run at least twice a year, hosted by Steve and Jacqui Winrow from the pub who serve up food and real ale with military-themed names.

The inn itself is located on the canal at Heatons Bridge and the grounds still retain the World War Two free-standing brick pillbox which formed part of the home-guard defence provisions.

Air show set to light up the skies!

THIS year marks the 25th anniversary of the ever-popular Southport Air Show and organisers are aiming to light up the skies to celebrate the milestone with a spectacular night flying event, in addition to the usual two-day programme.

The show, which attracts many visitors from West Lancashire, is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, September 10 and 11, but on the eve of the main event on Friday, September 9, the skies will be lit up with a dusk fly-past and a display of aircraft illuminated with LED lights.

The evening flying event is the first of its kind in the North West and those confirmed as taking part so far include Tigers Freefall Team, The Blades and the P-51 Mustang, with more to be announced.

There will also be a firework finale on the beach to end the Friday evening spectacular.

Sefton Council's tourism service manager, Mark Catherall, said: "Over the years we have been treated to some spectacular displays including the Chinook, Spitfires, Lynx, Mustang, Red Arrows, and of course the historic Vulcan.

"Traditionally, the event has taken place over Saturday and Sunday in September with two full days of air displays and numerous ground attractions. But for 2016 the team wanted to give visitors something special and a bit different to mark the anniversary.

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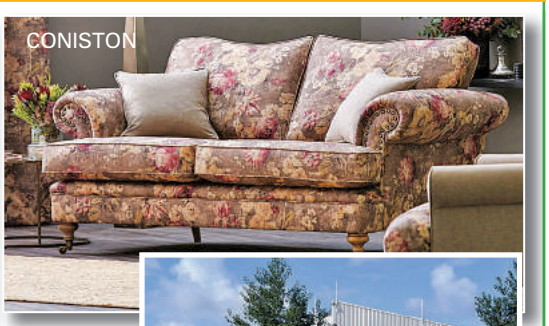

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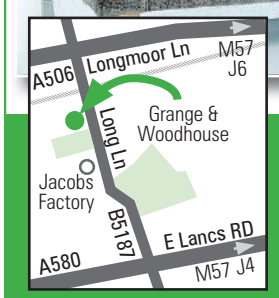

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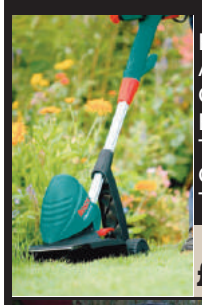

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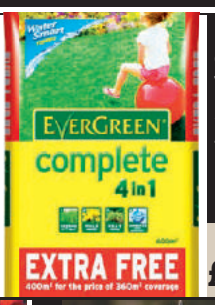

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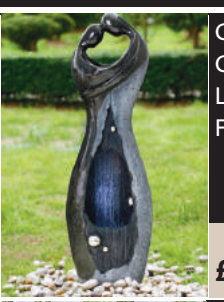

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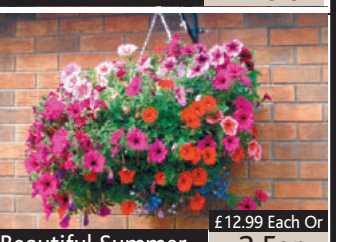

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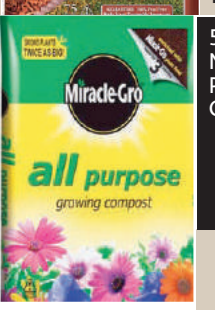

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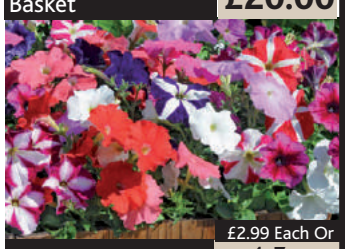

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Police pledge to step up fight against plant machinery thieves

LANCASHIRE Police are stepping up the fight against the theft of plant machinery across the county by increasing the number of officers trained to spot stolen or cloned machinery.

Officers have been on a special training course designed to help them recognise tell-tale signs that might indicate a piece of machinery is stolen.

The training, organised by thec nonstabulary, took place on site at Wilson's Farming in Samlesbury which was offered as the venue by owner, Harry Wilson.

Various machines, including tractors, excavators and tandem rollers, were available for the officers to examine so they know what to look for when they come across vehicles they suspect as being stolen.

Both the practical and the classroom training sessions were led by DC Chris Pigott from the National Vehicle Crime Intelligence Service (NaVCIS) and Clive Harris from NFU Mutual.

Chris and Clive are specialists in the field and deliver training to police forces across the country.

Officers on the training course

Lorraine Ellwood, rural crime and wildlife co-ordinator for the constabulary, said; "It is the first time that we have had training in Lancashire on this scale and it is something we will look to continue doing. It is really important that as many officers as possible are trained in what to look for when they stop vehicles and to be able to recognise tell-tale signs that all might not be as it seems.

"Lancashire is not a soft touch – we have big expanses of rural areas to look after and we are really keen on cracking down on this, we are going to be it making very hard for those criminals insistent on committing this type of crime. We are not sitting back - we are doing something about it."

DC Chris Pigott commented: "We know that people make money from either exporting the machinery once it has been stolen or selling it on auctioning sites and so we have teams of people who monitor this activity specifically to search for and identify any machinery that has been reported stolen."

And Clive Harris from NFU Mutual added: "The more we can get out and do the training, the better. We need to get as many officers and staff trained up to know what to look for as part of their day-to-day role. This isn't a specialist, one off 'event', we want officers to be constantly vigilant and looking out for anything suspicious."

The Tarleton Academy schoolchildren at Anfield with their Premier League Reading Stars certificates

Pupils' Red-letter day!

A GROUP of outstanding schoolboys were awarded with a trip to Anfield after completing a literacy programme.

Year 7 and 8 pupils from Tarleton Academy enjoyed a trip to the Liverpool FC stadium as recognition of their dedication to the Premier League Reading Stars programme.

The programme, run by the National Literacy Trust, in conjunction with Premier League football clubs, aims to motivate young people to read by combining football and literacy.

The aim is to help boys to engage with reading and see the value of reading in the real world.

Over the course of 10 weeks, Tarleton students explored a range of short stories and looked at how to choose books that suit their interests with the help of authors such as Tom Palmer.

They also produced their own football poems as well as player profiles. Guest speakers also visited the school, including sports journalists.

The boys were rewarded for their hard work with the Anfield trip, which included a football reading session, a reward ceremony in the Kop (where they were presented with their Premier League Reader certificates), a full tour of the ground and museum, and the day finished off with taking part in a coaching session led by one of Liverpool's professional coaches.

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September trial date for fraud case accused

TWO men accused of conspiring to defraud Edge Hill University out of £500,000 have appeared at Liverpool Crown Court.

Robert Smedley, of Grange Farm Crescent, West Kirby, and Christopher Joynson, of Clocktower Apartments, Bamburgh Castle, both entered not guilty pleas.

They are accused of conspiring to defraud the university between September 1, 2009 and August 31, 2014 by way of Joynson submitting invoices for consultancy work which they knew to be false and which were then authorised for payment by Smedley.

Smedley, 51, and 33-year-old Joynson, of Clocktower Apartments, Bamburgh Castle, were both further remanded on bail by judge Stephen Everett to await their trial beginning on Monday, September 12.

Staff and residents from Abbey Wood Lodge care home celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday

Care home group's royal treat

RESIDENTS from a care home in Ormskirk were joined by family and friends for a trip to New Brighton to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

Staff at Abbey Wood Lodge care home in County Road organised the visit to the appropriately named Queen's Royal Hotel where they enjoyed wine and afternoon tea and a chance to reminisce about their memories of Her Majesty's 67-year rule.

Home events organiser, Lesley Malone, said: "On arrival everyone walked in to the sound of the national anthem - we felt like part of the royal family entering the well-known hotel which the Queen visited many years ago. We then enjoyed an afternoon tea fit for royalty and a complimentary glass of wine to toast the Queen before rounding off with a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday!"

The event was the latest in the home's campaign to make older people in the local community feel more involved by inviting them to join in free activities and events held at the home and day trips out. For more details ring Lesley on 01695 767778."

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Festival success for college performing arts learners

Report by **Henry James**

THE talents of West Lancashire College performing arts learners have been recognised at a drama festival.

The learners, who are members of Storm2Theatre, the college's extra curricular theatre group, performed at the Leverhulme Drama Festival held at the Gladstone Theatre in the Wirral.

And at the awards evening they were honoured with a host of individual and group awards for their talents.

From the 11 competing youth teams, West Lancashire College learners, Alex Tighe and Niamh Donnelly were two of the six learners that were awarded with medals for acting.

Former Lathom High School pupil, Jamie Duncan, was awarded Best Male Actor in the Youth Category.

And, having won the award in previous years, the group consisting of Louis Duncan, Chloe Taylor, Alex Tighe, Niamh Donnelly, Jamie Duncan and former West Lancashire College student, Catrina Davies once again won the under-21 Youth Category.

Performing arts staff and learners are hoping to perform the play in college in the near future to enable the general public, as well as parents and friends of the students, to watch this award-winning production which addresses issues of Internet safety, grooming, and bullying.

Pictured (above, left): The West Lanc College performing arts learners with their trophies

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Libraries launch new interactive app

Library users will be able to borrow e-books by downloading the BorrowBox app

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Lancashire County Council's head of libraries, museums, culture and registrars service, Julie Bell, said: "The recent launch of the BorrowBox mobile app means that Lancashire's library members can now download their favourite titles no matter where they are, and at any time of the day or night.

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Car enthusiasts' 'ton-up' boost for animal charity

MEMBERS of a car enthusiasts club have donated £100 to an animal charity.

Noel Skinner of the West Lancashire MG Owners Club, presented a cheque to Jane Young from Freshfields Animal Rescue last week.

Club member Steve Kirton said that the club had raised the money through donations from club members.

Steve said: "We had great pleasure in presenting our third cheque for local charities this year.

"This time our donation went to Freshfields Animal Rescue at Ince Blundell, a non-profit charity with two re-homing centres, caring for abandoned, abused and unwanted animals. It provides a safe place, care and medical attention to a range of animals from cats and dogs to farm animals and ferrets, chinchillas and other exotic animals.

"Every year Freshfields helps rescue and re-home well in excess of 1,200 animals and birds across their two sites. They receive no state funding and would be very grateful for any support you could offer. Every donation, however large or small, will help the lives of the rescue animals. We hope our donation will help to go a little way in transforming the animals' lives for the better."

Noel Skinner presents the £100 cheque to Jane Young at Freshfields Animal Rescue

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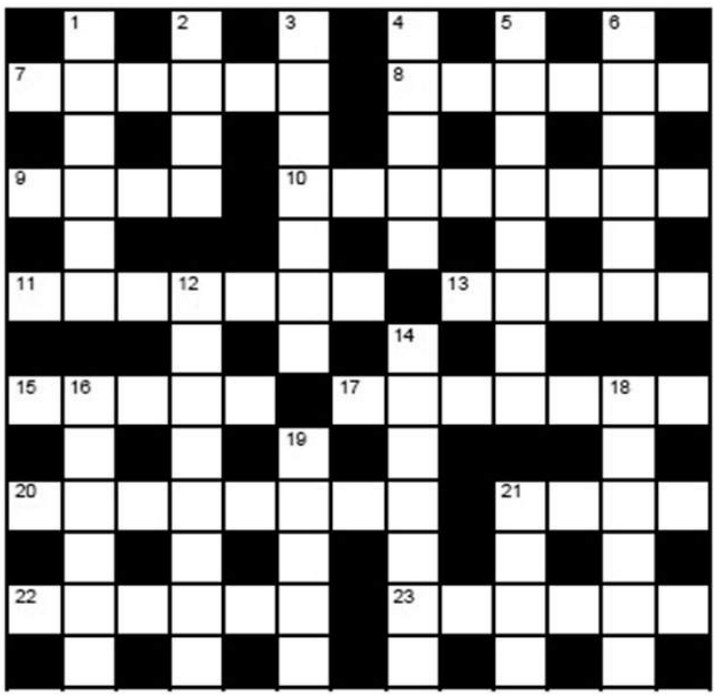

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7 Dry rot. 8 Sierra. 9 Aqua. 10 Prejudge. 11 Iguanas. 13 Hyena. 15 Biddy. 16 Coracle. 18 Overland. 19 Lass. 21 Sudoku. 22 Youths.

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8 (Of a debt) Unsettled (6)
9 Drop of thick liquid or viscous substance (4)
10 Glass cabinet used to display articles in a shop or museum (8)
11 Speech impediment (7)
13 Animal entrails used as food (5)
15 Brash, over-confident (5)
17 To keep hidden (7)
20 Doctrine (8)
21 Surrender power or territory (4)
22 Brightly shining (6)
23 Release from bonds or restraint (6)

DOWN

1 Carve, fashion (6)
2 Doorway side-post (4)
3 Fluid-filled skin swelling caused by friction or burning (7)
4 Curvaceous (5)
5 Clearly defined (8)
6 Afternoon nap (6)
12 Renovation (8)
14 Beer mug in the figure of a stout old man with three-cornered hat (4,3)
16 Later years of life (3,3)
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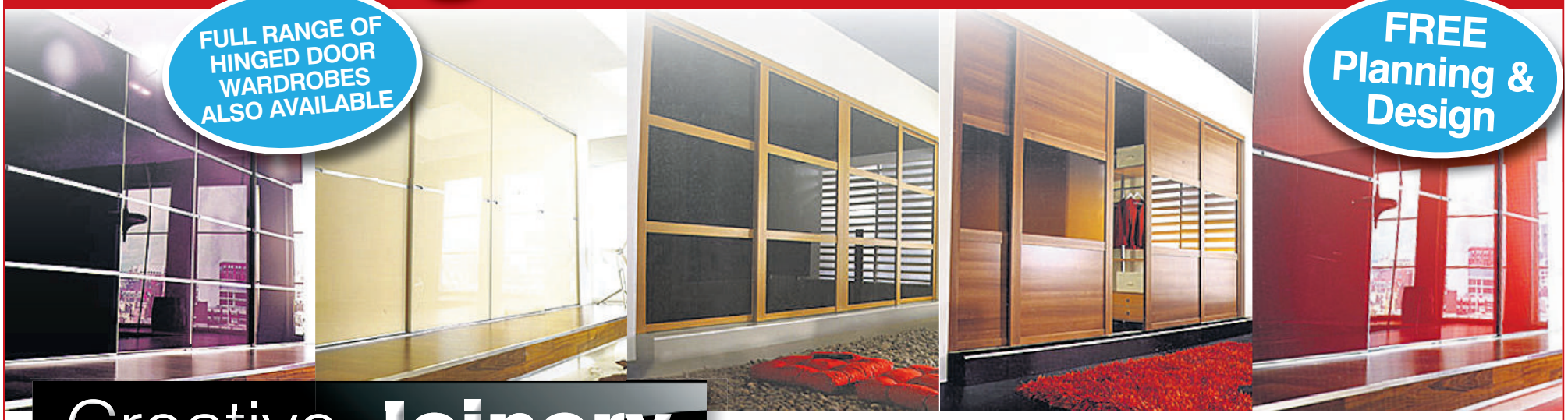

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Members of Lancashire Care's Infant Feeding Team celebrate securing an international UNICEF award

Care trust team win Baby Friendly award

THE infant feeding team at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust has been awarded the prestigious Baby Friendly Award.

It is the latest UK healthcare facility to win international recognition from UNICEF (the United Nations' Children's Fund).

Set up by UNICEF and the World Health Organisation, the Baby Friendly Initiative is a global programme that provides a practical and effective way for health services to improve the care provided for all mothers and babies. Following assessment by UNICEF, the Infant Feeding Team was handed the award as a way of recognising that best practice standards are in place.

Katie Wharton, infant feeding co-ordinator at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "We decided to join forces with UNICEF UK's Baby Friendly Initiative to increase breastfeeding rates and to improve care for all mothers.

"Breastfeeding protects babies against a wide range of serious illnesses, including gastroenteritis and respiratory infections in infancy, as well as asthma, cardiovascular disease and diabetes in later life.

"We also know that breastfeeding reduces a mother's risk of some cancers - athough mums might be more interested in hearing that it is easier, cheaper and simply less hassle than bottle feeding."

In the UK, the Baby Friendly Initiative works with UK public services to protect, promote and support breastfeeding, and strengthen mother-baby and family relationships. Support for these relationships is important for all babies, not only those who are breastfed.

Sue Ashmore, programme director of UNICEF's UK Baby Friendly Initiative, commented: "We are delighted that Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust has achieved full Baby Friendly status.

"Surveys show that most mothers want to breastfeed but don't always get the support they need. Mothers in Lancashire can be confident that their midwives and health visitors will provide high standards of care."

Parish council assembly date

AUGHTON Parish Council will be holding their annual assembly on Monday, May 9.

The assembly, for the electors of the parish, will start at 8.15pm at Aughton Village Hall annexe. There will be reports from the parish, borough and county councils and representatives from Lancashire Constabulary will report on the policing of Aughton.

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One of the buses outside St George's Hall in Liverpool

Moores family still top of West Lancs 'Rich List'

Report by **Henry James**

THE Moores family are still at the top of the highest-placed people with connections to West Lancashire in this year's Sunday Times Rich List.

The list is based on identifiable wealth, including land, property and other assets such as art and racehorses or significant shares in publicly-quoted companies. It excludes bank accounts, to which the newspaper has no access.

According to the list, the Moores family's estimated fortune has stayed the same at £1.2bn, but they have fallen from joint 85th to joint 90th.

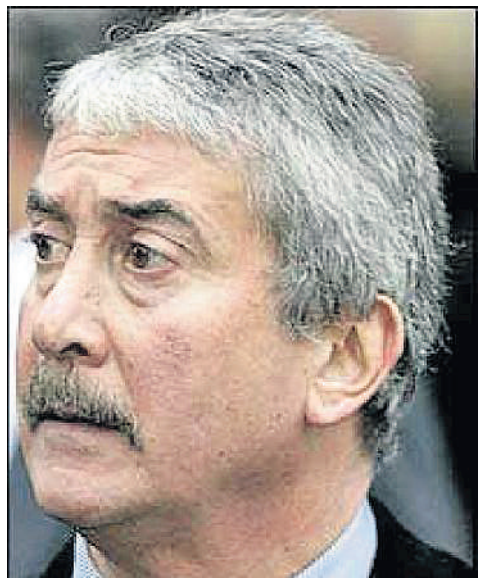
The Moores family includes David Moores, 70, who lives in Halsall.

Mr Moores, who was hospitalised following a burglary at his home earlier this year, sold his majority stake in Liverpool FC to US businessmen, George Gillet and Tom Hicks in February 2007. He received £90m in the process.

Sir Peter Moores, 83, the son of the late Sir John Moores, founder of the Littlewoods football pools empire, used to have a house at Parbold. He died earlier this year. He was also the head of the Peter Moores Foundation, a charitable organisation connected with the arts.

Next up is John Hargreaves, the founder of Matalan, which used to be based in Skelmersdale but has now moved to Knowsley. He has dropped from joint 108th to joint 228th and is wealth has dropped massively from 1bn to £500m.

Other millionaires with links to West Lancashire include Wigan Athletic owner Dave Whelan, 79, who lives in Parbold. He built up the JJB sports retailer and sold the family stake for £190m.



David Moores

His estimated fortune has increased by £30m to £230m, and his ranking has increased from joint 476th to joint 452nd.

Alan Murphy, 67, who made his money from producing toilet rolls at his factory in Skelmersdale also features on the list.

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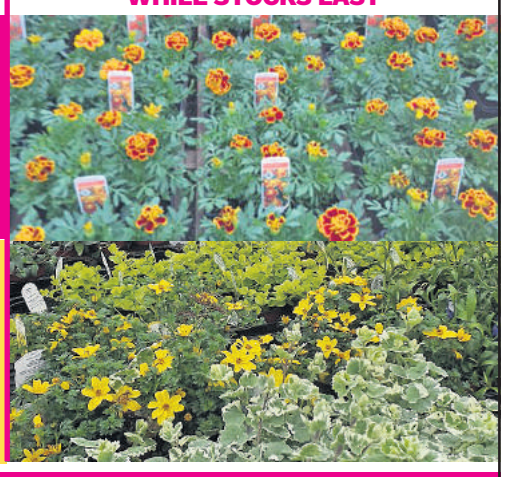

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Pianist in 'class of his own' to perform at Douglas Music

PETER Donohoe who began his musical career in the North West teaching pianists in and around Ormskirk is to perform this Saturday (May 7) at 7.45pm at Douglas Music, Parbold.

He has been described as "a pianist in a class of his own… a 'sculptor' of the piano." and his links with Douglas Music reach back more than 30 years.

Peter first came to Douglas Music while still a student and returned in 2008, with his concert pianist wife, Elaine Burns, to perform a fabulous two-grand-piano concert.

He returns to play a programme of some of the great virtuosos pieces for piano by Alexander Scriabin, Claude Debussy, Nocturnes and a Ballade by Frédéric Chopin, Robert Schumann's variations on the name of one of his pupils, and one of Franz Schubert's last great works.

He comes to Parbold immediately from judging the opening rounds of the Queen Elisabeth International Piano Competition in Brussels.

Peter, born in Manchester in 1953, studied at Chetham's School of Music, Leeds University, the Royal Northern College of Music and then in Paris.

Peter Donohoe

Since his success as joint-winner of the 1982 International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow, he has developed a distinguished worldwide career. He is acclaimed as one of the foremost pianists of our time for the "majesty, power and authority" of his interpretations and the "jaw-dropping virtuosity" of his playing. Peter Donohoe was awarded a CBE for services to classical music in 2010.

There are only return tickets for this concert; contact the box office Tel: 01257 498452.

Forthcoming events are the June 2016 Midsummer Festival, which includes the Moscow International Chopin Piano Competition winner, Anna Fedorova, on Saturday, June 18 at 7.45 p.m. On Sunday, June 19 at 7.45 pm. the popular virtuoso violinist, Julian Gregory and a trio of fellow musicians from the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra will take the audience on a whirlwind tour of the world of music from different countries and styles, from folk to classical.

Simon and Garfunkel's rise to fame is featured in show

IT has been 50 years since one of the most successful Folk/Rock Duo of all time recorded their first no1 hit single The Sound of Silence.

Following its West End success at the Leicester Square Theatre, London, The Simon and Garfunkel Story is currently the most successful No 1 International touring theatre show celebrating the lives and career of folk/rock sensation Simon and Garfunkel.

Featuring seasoned West End, leading man Greg Clarke and a full cast of talented actor- musicians, The Simon and Garfunkel Story takes audiences back through the times of the 1960s.

It tells the story of both Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel from their humble beginnings as Rock n Roll duo Tom and Jerry, right through their massive success, dramatic break-up and finishing with a recreation of the 1981 Central Park reformation concert.

The Simon and Garfunkel story is coming to The Southport Theatre

Using a huge projection screen, the show features 1960's photos and film footage while a full live band perform all their hits including Mrs Robinson, Cecilia, Bridge Over Troubled Water, Homeward Bound, Sound of Silence and more.

The Simon and Garfunkel Story 50th Anniversary Celebration can be seen at the Southport Theatre this Saturday (May 7).

Atkinson inviting people to tale about power of friendship

THIS May - as part of the Southport Festival, The Atkinson is inviting people to see a moving tale about the power of friendship.

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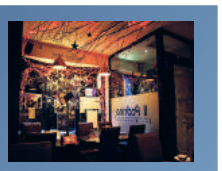

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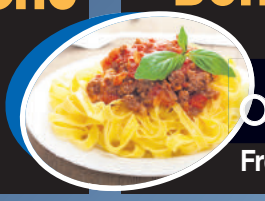

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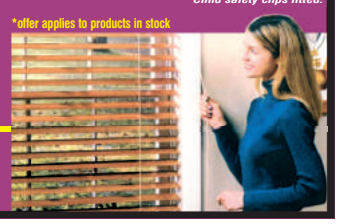
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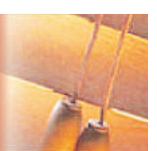
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Dearly loved wife of the late John, Much loved Mum of Elaine, Martin and Philip, Loving Nana of Hayley, David, Helena, Jonathan, Rachel and Harvey. Great Grandmother of Jackson and Harlow. Funeral Service and Interment at St. Cuthberts Church, Halsall, on Monday 16th May 2016 at 11.00 am. Family flowers only please by request, but donations in memory of Edna, if so desired, for St. Cuthberts Church Spire. Donations and further enquires please to Lisa Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Tele. 01695 424888.

KNIGHT REG

25th April 2016

Passed away peacefully in hospital, aged 89 years

Beloved Husband of Irene, a dear Brother-in-law and a much loved Uncle of all his nieces and nephews. Funeral service to take place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 6th May 2016 at 3.20pm. Family flowers only please but donations if so desired to Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital Charity (LHCH). For further enquiries please contact Hunters Funeral Directors, 128b Burscough Street, Ormskirk L39 2EY. Tel 01695 572997.

CLEMENTSON KENNETH VAUGHAN

Passed away at home peacefully in his sleep

Fondly remembered by all his family. Reunited with his late Wife Patricia. Donations in memory of Ken and Pat are being gratefully received for Multiple Sclerosis Society. Ken is resting at Hunters Funeral Directors. A funeral service for Ken and Pat will take place at West Lancashire Cemetery on Tuesday 10th May at 11.30am. All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors. Tel: 01695 572997

DEATHS

ROSENTHAL CATHERINE R.I.P

21st April 2016

Aged 88 years

Dearly loved Wife of the late Louis, much loved Mum of Lou, Mother-in-law to Kate, devoted and loving Nan to Jake. She will be achingly missed by all her family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 17th May at 12:40pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Macmillan Cancer Support. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

PENNINGTON EDNA (Nee McKeating)

26th April 2016

Aged 101 years

Peacefully passed away with her family by her side, devoted Wife of the late Eric Charles Pennington. A much loved Mum and Grandmother who will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 5th May at 2:40pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Salvation Army. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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25th April 2016

Aged 82 years

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DEATHS

GILYEAT MICHAEL COLIN (Major – RTD)

Friday 29th April 2016.

Aged 58 years, in hospital after a short illness.

Devoted Husband and best friend of Jan, adored Dad of Naomi and the late Michael and Katie, Grandad to James and Kyron. Funeral service at St James' Parish Church, Birkdale on Wednesday 11th May at 12:00 noon followed by private family committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only please but if desired donations may be sent for On Course Foundation. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

CREED RONALD

28th April 2016

Aged 72 years

Devoted Husband of Barbara, much loved Dad of the late Kevin, special Grandad of Charlotte, Calum and Clayton, Great-grandad of Lucas. Funeral Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 6th May at 2.00 pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations may be sent for British Heart Foundation. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

MATTHEWS GEORGE KEITH

27th April 2016

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The family would like to express sincere thanks to all relatives, the staff and residents of Thomas Henshaw Court, and friends and neighbours for their kind sentiments, cards, flowers and generous donations for RNIB during their recent sad bereavement.

Special thanks to Reverend Martin Abrams for the lovely tribute he gave to Jack and to Derek and team at Howard's Funeral Directors for their caring service.

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6th April 2016

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(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Tabby's Nook, Newburgh from its junction with Cobbs Brow Lane to the rear of 15 Clovelly Drive, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0900 hours on Monday 23rd May 2016 until 1700 hours on Monday 6th June 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- A5209 Course Lane - Cobbs Brow Lane - Tabby's Nook and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to provide a safe environment for the completion of utility works.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
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[Ref: HRiT/2235/WH]

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Broadhurst Lane, Wrightington from a point adjacent to property number 7 for a distance of 120 metres heading in a southerly direction, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 16th May 2016 until 1600 hours on Friday 20th May 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Broadhurst Lane - B5250 Mossy Lea Road - Broadhurst Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow culvert repair works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/2132/TR]

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Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2016/0411/LBC Listed Building Consent - Replace existing metal framed windows with new double glazed painted timber windows and replace existing concrete roof tiles with natural Welsh slate laid to diminishing courses with random widths at Ashurst Hall, Higher Lane, Dalton.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI — Dated: 4th May 2016
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(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Wood Lane, Great Altcar from its junction with Rye Moss Lane to Delph Farm, in the Borough West Lancashire.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0800 hours and 1700 hours from Monday 16th May 2016 until Friday 20th May 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- B5195 Causeway Lane - B5195 Broad Lane - B5195 Lord Sefton Way - B5195 Altcar Road (Formby) - A565 Formby By Pass (Formby) - A565 Liverpool Road (Ainsdale) - A565 Liverpool Avenue (Ainsdale) - A565 Liverpool Road (Southport) - Halsall Road (Southport) - New Cut Lane (Southport) - New Cut Lane (Halsall) - Gregory Lane (Halsall) - A5147 Halsall Road (Halsall) - A5147 New Street (Halsall) - A5147 Mill Brow (Halsall) - A5147 Southport Road (Downholland) - A5147 Wanisher Lane - A5147 Delf Lane (Downholland) - A5147 Mairscough Lane (Downholland) - B5195 Altcar Lane - B5195 Flatmans Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to provide a safe environment for the completion of surface dressing works.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/2237/WH]

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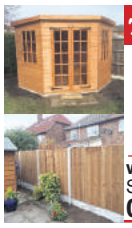

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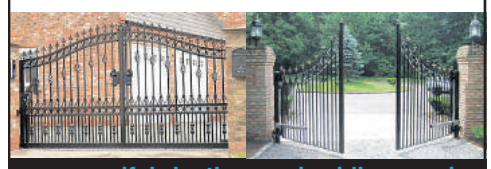

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ALL CARS – from Dacia's Sandero to McLaren's new 570GT – should be limited to a top whack of 90mph. Not my opinion, nor that of some Whitehall bureaucrat, but the man who got me into cars in the first place.

You'd like my dad. He's not, contrary to popular rumour in the motoring world, the John Simister whose prose you'll find running through the pages of Evo, Autocar and Practical Classics. But he is a petrolhead who loves an old Land Rover and would happily scour an autojumble looking for bits to keep it going.

Yet he put it to me only the other day that it's pointless any of today's cars being able to do more than 70mph. Perhaps, after a lot of persuading, he conceded they might have to crack 90mph in some one-in-a-million emergency situation, but no more than that. Not one measly mile an hour. Cars capable of that should be verboten.

Which is, of course, nonsense, and all you need to prove it is a Mitsubishi Lancer Evo VIII FQ-300. It's exactly the sort of car that appeals solely to speed freaks; the name might make it sound like your office's next air conditioning system but it knocks out 300bhp and can hit 60mph in under five seconds. It also looks like a boring Japanese saloon and has an interior with more grey than a wet Monday morning in Manchester, so you're definitely buying it for performance rather than its ability to impress pedestrians.

A mate of mine's got one, and frequently reminds me it can hit 157mph. Impressive, but suggesting he'll actually do that on the Formby bypass is a bit like suggesting I'll go chopping down trees in the Formby pine woods if I buy a top-of-the-range chainsaw.

You can break the law with just about anything if you think creatively enough – but that doesn't mean we should ban pillows, golf clus or copies of Coldplay's more recent albums. The Bugatti Chiron is only as illegal as the squishy bit of mush driving it, and to suggest otherwise is to take a dangerous step into the world of banning things because we *might* do something with them.

Sorry Dad, but my vote's with the FQ-300 and appreciating cars for what they're capable of, not what they're limited to. Providing they're driven at no more than 69.9mph, of course…

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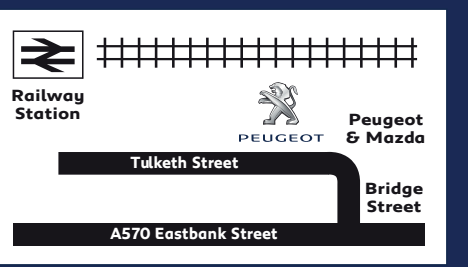

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Lookers Price	£7,999	Total Charge for Credit	£1,211.25
Customer Deposit	£499	Total Amount Payable	£9,210.25
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Customer Deposit	£1,500	Total Amount Payable	£20,024.83
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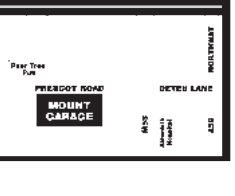

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How Vardy once put two goals past Burscough

By **Neil Leatherbarrow**

LEICESTER City may have won the Premier League title this week, but their top scorer Jamie Vardy used to rub shoulders with Burscough players during his days in non-league football.

It was on Saturday, December 12, 2009 that manager Andy Gray took his Linnets team across the Pennines to play Stocksbridge Park Steels and in the host's line-up was Vardy.

Burscough as a club were in a dark period, and were it not for the actions of the supporters the club would very likely have folded.

Manager Gray saw many of his first choice players leave because of the financial situation and he bravely fielded a team of youngsters along with local hero Ryan Bowen.

Jamie Vardy

On the day they went down 4-1, with Vardy, who is now an England international player, scoring two goals.

He was kept quiet in the second half and was substituted in the 74th minute with the score 3-1.

At the end of the season Vardy moved on to Halifax Town, then via Fleetwood moved onto Leicester in May 2012.

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Play-off semi-final heartache for Linnets

Spennymoor Town 3
Burscough 1

Burscough defend a Spennymoor attack. Picture by David Nelson

BURSCOUGH'S promotion hopes were shattered after losing out in their play-off semi-final.

The Linnets were underdogs going into the game, having finished three places below Spennymoor in the table, but they took an early lead.

The dream start came after only 65 seconds when the ball came into the box from the right, Moors failed to clear it, and Liam Caddick drove the ball past Dan Lowson from ten yards as the defence hesitated.

Burscough were desperately unlucky not to be awarded a penalty four minutes later when Michael Monaghan went down in the box under a challenged by Moors skipper Chris Mason, but the referee waved play on.

The Linnets' flying start continued as they dominated possession but crucially they couldn't get a second goal.

It allowed Spennymoor to get back into the game and they had their first real chance on 25 minutes when Craig Gott floated a free kick over to the far post and Mason headed into the keeper's hands.

However, Burscough always looked dangerous when they attacked, and from one corner, Lowson finger tipped a fierce shot by Elliott Newby over the bar.

The visitors spurned another good chance when Monaghan burst clean through with just Lowson to beat, but he scuffed his shot from ten yards wide.

Spennymoor equilised just before half time with a 25-yard free kick driven into the bottom left hand corner by Gott.

And within 90 seconds of the restart, they were in front, when Liam Henderson crossed deep over to the far post, keeper Calvin Hare could only backpedal and palmed the ball out for Shane Henry to put into the roof of the net. Nathan Fisher nearly made it 3-1 when he turned well inside the area, beat a defender, but Hare blocked at the foot of his near post.

Moors got some breathing space on 69 minutes, when Gott and Henry both had shots charged down, but the ball dropped nicely for sub Gavin Cogdon, who had only been on the field two minutes, to drive firmly past Hare.

It was nearly four right at the end when Cogdon got around the back and set up Risbrough, but somehow Hare managed to keep the ball out.

Lawson already on hunt for new players

SKELMERSDALE United's playing season may have ended last week with the 1-1 draw at Whitby Town but there has been no rest for manager Tommy Lawson and his assistant Brian Richardson, as they tour the North West looking at perspective new players for next season.

Speaking on Saturday morning, Tommy said: "This week is one of our busiest, Brian and myself have received many tips about players in the North-West Counties and local football who we are told will do a job for Skem.

"The Evo-Stik League finished a week or a fortnight before these leagues so we have been out almost every night running the rule over the players. Preparations for next season are also well under way, talking to potential new signings, talking to our own players. If you don't act early in non-league football you miss out on the players you want for next season."

The season does ease back this month, and United will be holding their Presentation Night at the Stormy Corner Social Club on Friday, 13.

There will free entrance on the night, free food and entertainment, besides seeing the players pick up their awards.

It is requested that because it is a free entrance, that it would be helpful for numbers if supporters could indicate whether they intend attending via the club forum.

Ormskirk cruise to victory at Rainford as Burscough make it two wins in two matches

MORE wintry weather threatened to disrupt the Liverpool & District Cricket Competition last weekend, but in the end all our local clubs got a full match as the odd ray of sunshine helped propel the temperature to near on double figures, *writes Glenn Wallworth*.

Ormskirk had a comfortable 8 wicket win at Rainford, 4-20 from Lancashire's Gavin Griffiths and 3-20 from Jamie Barnes helped bowl out the hosts for 92 and in reply, an unbeaten 32 from Andy Baybutt and 31 from Josh Bohannon helped seal victory..

Northern made it two wins from two with a 3 run home win over Birkenhead Park, after the hosts declared on 186-8. In reply, 86 from opener Chris Davies and 29 from Chris Foran was all in vain, as 6-72 from Tom Sephton helped dismiss the visitors for 183.

In the First Division, Maghull were beaten by 4 wickets at Prestatyn, Greg Gillespie (67), Jack Wrigglesworth (53) and Cameron Lawrenson (24) helped Maghull to 223-8 dec, with Gareth Boughey 3-53 and Kieron New 3-55 taking the bowling honours. In reply, 62 from Sampath Perera and 49 from Joe Horton took the hosts to victory on 224-6.

Burscough made it two wins from two with a 4 wicket win at Orrel, Petrus Jeftha (29) top scored for the hosts as they were bowled out for 81, with Navdeep Aujla taking 4-11. In reply, Jon Stone hit 30 as Burscough reached 82-6 to seal victory.

Fleetwood Hesketh had a comfortable 8 wicket home win over Wigan, former New Zealand Test batsman Aaron Redmond (50) and Jake Leyland (40) top scored for the visitors as they were dismissed for 148, with Tommy Wareing 4-10 and Issy Perera 3-51 doing the damage with the ball.

In reply, an unbeaten 3 rd wicket partnership of 117 between Perera (67*) and Lee Bolton (37*) led the hosts to victory.

Southport & Birkdale were beaten by 3 wickets at Highfield where Chris Brownlow (41) top scored for S&B as they were dismissed for 107, with Saud Shakeel taking 5-17. In reply, 4-36 from Jackson Burns wasn't quite enough as the hosts reached 110-7 to seal victory with Joel Welsby unbeaten on 33.

In the Second Division, Southport Trinity were beaten by 88 runs at home by Skelmersdale, Ryan Maloney (54) and Martyn Brierley (49) led the visitors to 171, with Tony Campbell 3-30 and Aussie debutant Shaun O'Neill 3-35 the pick of the bowlers. In reply Shaun Robson top scored with 30 and Campbell hit 20 as the hosts were bowled out for 83, with Danny Edwards taking 6-8 off 7.1 overs.

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